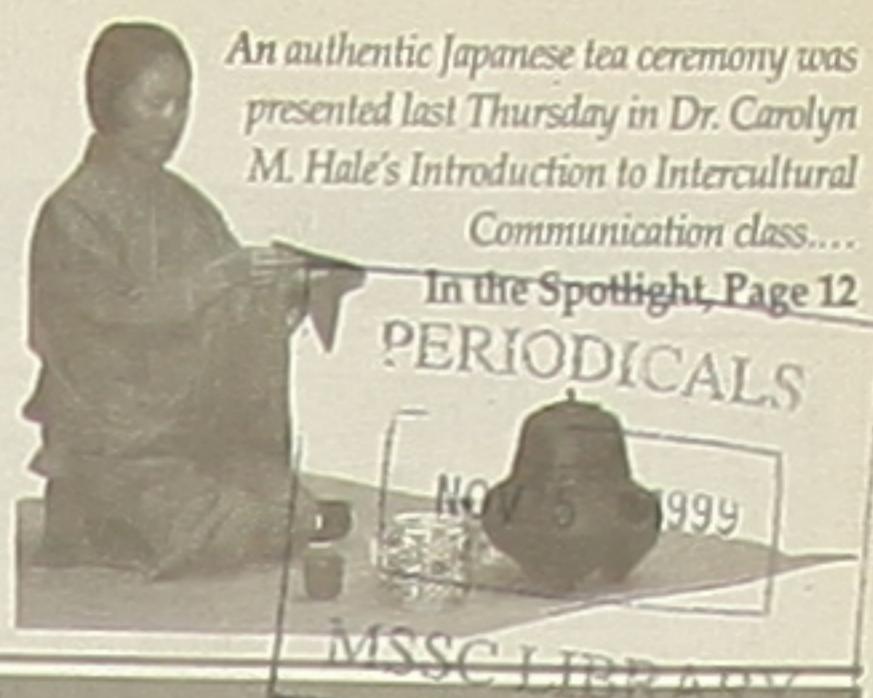


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arming security with firearms ignites questions, opinions

BY JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

arming campus police officers is an issue that has polarized the student body of Truman State University in Kirksville. The debate also exposed Missouri Southern as one of the state's holdouts against commissioning and arming the security force.

Missouri law grants the governing bodies of the colleges and universities, such as Southern's Board of Regents, the ability to commission qualified individuals as police officers with the right to carry firearms.

Dr. Sprague, public safety director at Truman State, said the Board of Regents commissioned their campus police force, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), in 1994. At the time, the DPS was not granted permission to carry firearms.

Dr. Sprague said it was important that officers be given the tools they need to do their jobs or the university would not have a sworn police department. She said commissioned officers draw a higher salary than non-commissioned officers.

"Exactly what role did we want our police officers to play on campus?" she questioned.

She asked the board for a role review of the DPS. At their August meeting, the board approved the deletion of the portion of the department's policy prohibiting carrying of sidearms.

"Now whenever they are on duty, they will carry the gun," she said.

She said the weapons have been ordered and are expected to arrive by the end of the fall semester.

Dr. Sprague said that of the 13 four-year Missouri state col-



DR. JOHN TIEDE

leges and universities she has surveyed, Southern is the only campus without a commissioned campus police department. Northwest Missouri State University and Missouri Western State College currently have commissioned police officers, but they are unarmed.

"Our policy is not to arm our security force," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

Tiede said he and Bob Beeler, director of physical plant engineering, discussed changing the policy when the law was passed to allow the Board of Regents to grant commissions. They did not pursue a change. He said that previously institutions had their officers commissioned by other departments.

"I can see both sides of the picture," Tiede said. "Luckily, we have a very safe campus so it has never been an issue."

Tiede said philosophical differences keep Southern from commissioning the safety and security officers.

"I want it to look more like a service-to-students type [of] organization," Tiede said.

He said the College maintains a good relationship with the Joplin Police Department (JPD) and students are encouraged to call the JPD with serious problems. Tiede said that significant crime problems might lead to a change.

"We have always insisted when we hire our officers that they have the training to be commissioned at some other law enforcement agency," Tiede said.

Not all of Southern's security corps has the qualifications; current officers are not required to maintain their training as the state sets new standards.

According to the United States Department of Justice, 81 percent of the nation's public colleges and universities have armed police forces.

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A friendly little wager

Bet garners unique spoils

BY ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

Off-track betting. Dog races. Lotto tickets, and bingo parlors. While these may be illegal in some areas of the country, there's nothing wrong with a friendly wager.

"Last year, the Yankees won, and bragging to my dad here bet me they'd win this year," said Ed Wuch, AVC/Government documents librarian. "All year long he made fun of my Cardinals. Every day he'd come in and tell me how bad they were."

Wuch is referring to an ongoing, friendly dispute with Charles Nodler, archivist. The feud is centered around Wuch's love for the St. Louis Cardinals, and Nodler's passion for the New York Yankees.

The bet stated that whoever's team made it the farthest, hopefully winning the World Series title, then the loser would have to push the other up a hill in a wheelbarrow.

Dump out the cement, it's time to get pushing.

"I thought for sure that one of those teams would beat those damn Yankees," Wuch said. "At least he waited until two days after the series before he mentioned about the wheelbarrow ride."

Nodler had predicted early the Yankees would win in four games, and then was quick to add "I think after the third game, that was it."

"I actually like to see the Cardinals and the Yankees in the series, so we could go to the series together," Nodler said.

Neither of the men are concerned about betting on the College campus. If there are any accusations made of wrongdoing, Nodler has his story all worked out.

"I'm going to be just like Pete [Rose], I'll lie all the time," he said.

In the past, Wuch said, there was a football pool amongst some faculty members, but anymore the stakes are either low stakes, or low key.



ED WUCH PUSHES CHARLES NODLER UP THE HILL BY SPIVA LIBRARY. WUCH LOST A BET TO NODLER OVER THE NEW YORK YANKEES AND THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BASEBALL SEASON.

"We usually just trade root beers," said Nodler.

No matter what the outcome, it's all in good fun and no one gets out of debt or hurt. But there is one thing which could be pretty damaging to a Yankees fan.

"The most humiliating thing for me would be to wear a Cardinal hat all day long," Nodler said. □

Crusa named outstanding alumnus

BY KRISTY HAMBY

Staff Writer

Because he has been noted as exemplifying excellence, persistence, and involvement, Missouri Southern's Alumni Association presented Jack D. Crusa with this year's Outstanding Alumnus award.

Every year the Association distributes nomination forms to Lifetime, pay life, and annual alumni members. A committee of alumni board members reviews the nominations and makes its selection for the year, said Lee Pound of the Alumni Affairs Office.

Crusa, the senior vice president of Leggett & Platt and president of the industrial materials and automotive segments, graduated from Southern in 1978 with bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in accounting.

"I think the learning experience at Missouri Southern prepared me for my career in accounting, which opened

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NEW BOOK BAG?



DENISE CHAPMAN, a student from Central Missouri State University, tries on the pregnancy simulator Friday at the Health Fair Day at Billingsly Student Center. The suit gives participants the feeling of being pregnant.

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Adjunct faculty give flexibility, added view

BY EILEEN COR
Staff Writer

Desire, flexibility, and good old-fashioned experience topped off with a master's degree can lead to a rewarding position as a member of the adjunct faculty in Missouri Southern's School of Business.

"They add flexibility to my overall ability to schedule," said James Gray, dean of School of Business Administration.

James Gray, dean of School of Business Administration.

"But for me, more importantly, they add a different view."

He says the adjunct faculty have the master's degree required for teaching classes,

and the combination of teaching classes

and working in the industry are an asset.

"I'm very excited about having that mixture," Gray said.

"We look forward to

expanding their role as we move toward accreditation."

Full-time faculty are not allowed to teach more than 12 hours.

"The full-time faculty members won't be able to teach the overload and so to offer the same number of sections, we will use adjunct faculty," Gray said. "What it does for the School of Business, and it always has, is that it enriches our overall program."

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JAMES GRAY

Dean of School of Business Administration

ent approach sometimes."

Gray likes to have new faculty get together with the adjunct faculty.

"They give them the syllabus, they give them the textbook, they talk to them about how their courses are taught and so there is an exchange there one way," Gray said. "But let me tell you, as the semester progresses the exchange goes the other way."

Robert Carpenter, vice president of Allieger, Martin & Associates, Inc., has been a member of the College's adjunct faculty for 15 years.

Gray says Carpenter is "one of the best data processing people in the area."

"He's done that at all levels and so for a student to have access to someone with his ability and his knowledge is a great asset."

Carpenter enjoys his job at Southern.

"The satisfaction of helping people and seeing the progress they make is a lot to do with why I'm involved with it," he said. "And maybe the selfish part of it is that I want to stay involved with the College and some of my friends out there."

Gray said he has faculty members that look at interacting with students as favorable and positive. They enjoy it.

"It's something that they look forward to, he said.

"It certainly isn't because of the money we pay them. I can guarantee you that!"

THIS WEEK

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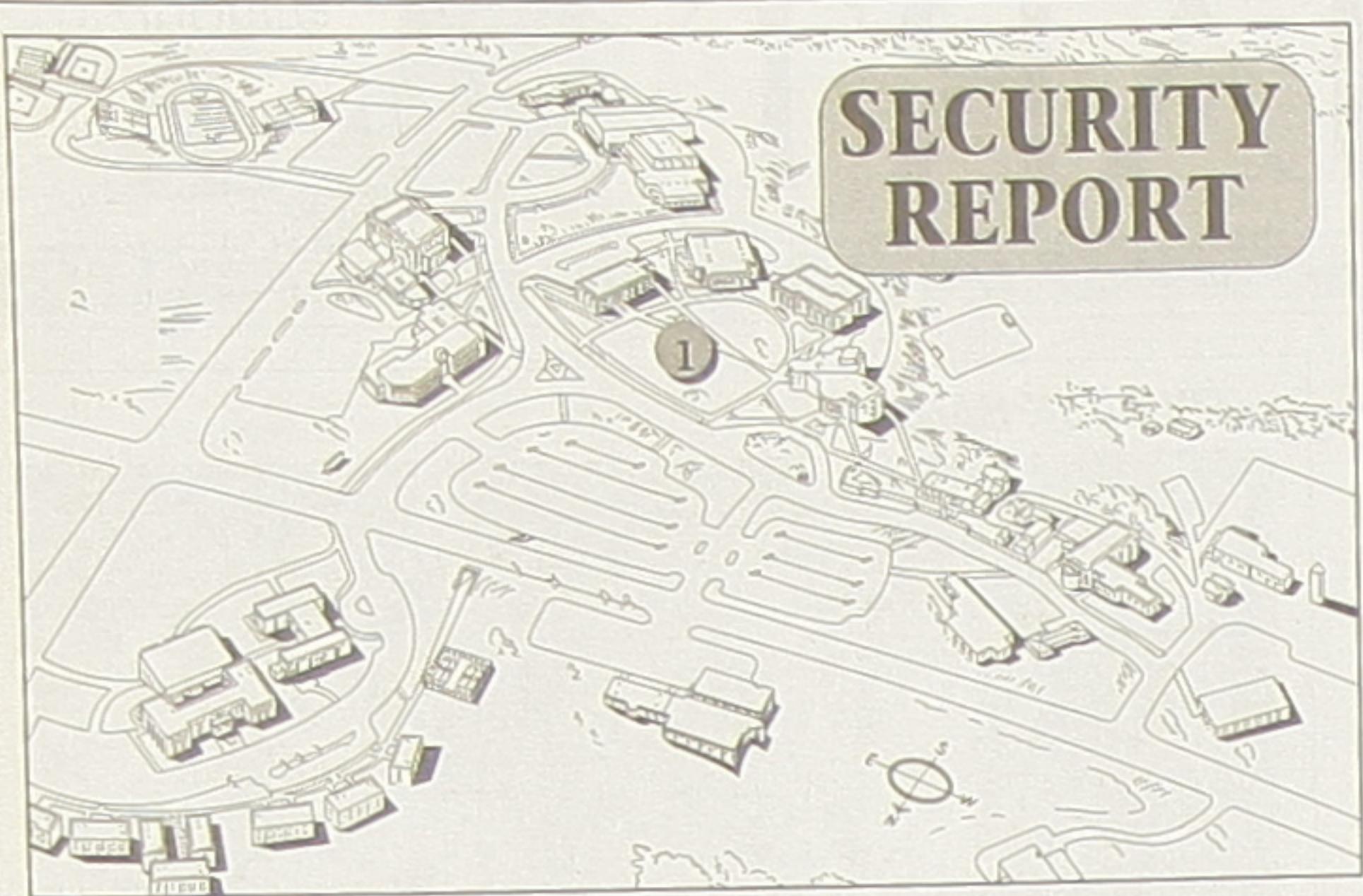
Missouri Southern lost to Truman State University, 45-40, in one of the Lions' closest games of the season during the Homecoming game on October 23.....

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5 p.m. Jennifer Johnson, freshman elementary education major, reported the theft of a director's chair that was taken from a Homecoming display. The chair was valued at \$63 and was reported stolen after 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 22.

All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

AWARD: Southern laid foundation for Crusa's success

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the door for my executive position at Leggett & Platt," Crusa said.

He has since accomplished many things within the community. Crusa played an active role in Carthage United Way, was president of the Carthage Parks and Recreation Board, the Carthage Water and Electric Plant Board, and the Carthage Water and Electric Board. In his career, he has helped expand Leggett and Platt's automotive division.

Upon graduation from Southern, Crusa was a CPA with the accounting firm of Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson until he joined the staff of

Leggett & Platt in 1986. Crusa was instrumental in expanding the company's automotive division, and became an elected executive officer in 1999. His responsibilities currently cover 18 operations with total trade and intercompany sales of approximately \$600 million.

"Missouri Southern laid the foundation for my future, but it was up to me to make it happen," Crusa said. "I was working, married and had children, and I needed a local institute and Southern provided it."

Crusa advised college students to seriously consider the time spent in college as fundamental for laying a foundation for the future.

"The basis for what you develop for your career affects the rest of your life and you need to seriously consider the practical applications of it."

To qualify for the "Outstanding Alumnus" award, Pound said, "a nominee must be out of college for 10 years and be involved in civic and community jobs."

"As I understand it, the award is based primarily on professional and community achievements, more so than collegiate experiences alone," said Steve Smith, Southern's news service manager.

Adviser gains national award

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

The national awards presentation at the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Advisers National Media Convention in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 28-31 was a crowning moment for Dr. Chad Stebbins, adviser to *The Chart* and director of the Institute of International Studies, who was recognized with the distinguished Four-Year College Adviser of the Year Award.

The *Winged Lion*, Missouri Southern's literary magazine, was also recognized for outstanding excellence in its 1998 issue with the presentation of a coveted National Pacemaker. The Pacemaker was established to recognize collegiate media that sets the pace for other national collegiate media. With the plagiarism controversy that was made known earlier this year, the *Winged Lion* will not be eligible for the Pacemaker next year.

Every year, staff members from *The Chart* gather with other college students from around the nation in hopes of learning more about media-related fields



DR. CHAD STEBBINS

from professors, professionals, and other students attending daily sessions.

The Chart competes with other non-daily college publications in the ACP/CMA's national awards. Of all the national non-daily newspapers, 25 are chosen as National Pacemaker finalists, and 10 newspapers actually receive the Pacemaker.

The Chart has been a finalist nine times but has been awarded a National Pacemaker once, for the 1996-97 academic year. *The Chart* was a finalist this year, but did not win.

Jeff Billington, *Chart* editor-in-chief, said it would have been nice to bring home a second National Pacemaker, but it's impossible to have everything.

"I think this is a good teaching tool for us," Billington said. "It tells us we can constantly improve and make *The Chart* look better than it has before."

Kelly Dengel, managing editor for *The Chart*, was awarded third place in the nation for a page she designed while attending North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. As managing editor for *The Sentinel*, Dengel and another editor designed a page about China. *The Sentinel* also took home a third place finish in the Best of Show category among year schools in the nation.

CAMPUS: Anonymous officer seeks sidebar

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From her experience at Truman State, Prague said she has witnessed how the issue can divide a campus community.

"I have found that people quickly line up on one side of this issue," Prague said.

At Truman State, opposition quickly mobilized after the Board of Governors' action. Students opposed to the policy change protested after University President Jack Magruder's welcome address. They successfully circulated a petition calling for a student referendum on the issue and marched with placards declaring "Guns don't make us safe," and "Don't give Goober a Glock."

Of the 1,175 students who voted, 339 supported arming the DPS. Seventy-one percent, or 836 of those casting votes, were opposed.

Magruder told *The Index*, the university's student newspaper, that he realized he had received some criticism on the issue, but nothing told him he had made the wrong decision.

The Index's editorial position favors arming the DPS. Truman State has approximately 6,000 undergraduate

and 250 graduate students. Kirksville's population is about 17,000.

Last Friday, eight Truman State students went to the board to express their concerns and to advocate arming all officers on all shifts.

One Southern student said a security officer told him about the potential of arming the College.

"One anonymous security officer wants a permit for his 'protection,'" said Jason Kiefer, senior security education history major. "He has been in the military and thinks this is a war zone. And it's not — it's Joplin, Mo., and college is a safe place."

"The most that happens on campus is that a gun is stolen and there is no confrontation," he said.

Maghan Alberts, junior criminal justice major, echoed Kiefer.

"I don't think that we need guns, because they are within five minutes and there is not a lot of violent crimes on campus," she said. "They do have a firework for property crimes."

Managing Editor Kelly Dengel contributed to this story.

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All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in December 99, May 00, July 00, or have not taken U.S. Gov't or State and Local Gov't in a Missouri college should see Pat Martin in H318 before Nov. 11 to sign up to take the test.

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Midwest Skateboard Oasis

Walters' skatepark marks success, allows boarders to showcase talent

By JASON WALSH
Chart Reporter

Many college students wonder where they are going to get the money to pay their tuition and expenses, but not Scott Walters.

The 21-year-old undeclared freshman owns and operates the BTB Skatepark in Joplin. For a little more than a year, he has run the park, a place where skateboarders, bikers, and rollerbladers can ride an assortment of ramps and structures.

"I wanted to go to college and I knew if I went that I'd have to get another job," Walters said. "I wanted the skatepark because I'd still have a whole lot of time to skate and do homework and I don't really like real jobs."

Nathan Bemo, a Missouri Southern graduate, sold the park to Walters last year. It started off in Bemo's backyard, and eventually moved to its new location at 715 Grand.

In the beginning, Walters worked for Bemo without pay, but received free skateboard decks and equipment for his services. When Bemo decided to sell the park, Walters seized the opportunity that would change his life.

"The skatepark wasn't very good at the time," Walters said. "I wanted it to be a better place and have better stuff to ride."

Walters took out a loan and acquired the park. He has owned it for the past year, and continues to improve its design. He also changed the name to BTB Skatepark, which stands for "Better Than Bemo's."

Walters has been riding skateboards for approximately 10 years. With failing skatepark efforts in Joplin in the past, such as Bullet Skatepark and Club Slam, skaters were left with nowhere to ride — until Bemo opened his park.

Now, under Walter's control, the park provides a reasonably priced place to skate. For \$5, one can ride "all kinds of fun stuff" for the entire day.

He has a pro shop which features the latest in skateboard equipment and clothing. On some nights, bands play shows at the park. Some of the local Joplin groups that have played the park include Initial Detonation, Powerstall, USMC, and VD.

Childhood friend Isaiah Smith, a sophomore computer science major, has been going to the park since it opened and helped with its initial construction.

"BTB is sort of an oasis in the Midwest for skateboarders because before it opened there was nothing to skate in the Midwest area," Smith said.

Smith, Walters, and a small yet loyal skateboard crew began skating at places in Joplin like the Airport Ditch, Commerce Bank, and the three-story parking garage at Mercantile. However, due to vandalism and city ordi-



Scott Walters, owner of BTB Skatepark in Joplin, gets air over his man-made skateboard bench.

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nances, these places are no longer accessible to skaters. Police have fined many skateboarders for trespassing on private property at places such as Mercantile. In some cases, authorities confiscated skateboards from individuals who could later pick them up at the police station.

"The places we did ride were sort of going against the law in our own civil disobedience kind of way," Smith said. "We weren't hurting anything but leaving a couple of black marks and some skin and blood on the pavement."

Barbara Hogelin, Joplin city clerk, could find only one law concerning skateboarding. It involves clinging to a vehicle and says "no person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle shall attach to any vehicle on the roadway."

Hogelin said there were no other laws preventing skateboarding in public, but there are parks with "no skateboarding" signs on basketball and tennis courts.

The loyal skaters of Joplin do not need to worry about persecution from authorities and business owners, as they now have access to a skatepark.

Young entrepreneur Walters, a 12-year resident of Joplin, is in his first year at Southern. He is still unsure of what degree to pursue.

"I was a computer science major, but that got kind of boring, so now I'm just taking core classes and am trying to figure out what I'm going to study," Walters said.

Aside from running the park, he is currently sponsored

by a new clothing company from San Jose, Calif., called Militia. The company provides him with free clothing and merchandise which he wears at contests and demos to help promote the product. Walters would like other companies to sponsor him, but needs some more video footage.

Walters is also a budding filmmaker. He recently shot the first skatepark video, which features both locals and visitors of the park. The film includes Walters, Phil Wasson, Matt Cressman, and James Stadler.

It is being edited and will be available for purchase in a few months. Walters said the video may help him with future sponsorships.

Although the park covers his school and living expenses, Walters assures that he won't be a millionaire in the near future.

"I do all right," he said. "I'm not getting rich, but I'm surviving."

He would like to stay within the skateboard industry, and take some business classes to help with this.

Smith said he was surprised by the number of younger-generation skaters that have surfaced in the area recently.

"The scene's really opened up," Smith said. "There's a lot more kids skating these days in the city of Joplin, which to me is amazing."

As for the future, Walters wants to "skate some more until I can't walk, run a business, and get a degree in something."

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AMBER LEITZ

Leitz named Missouri Nursing Student of the Year

Senior nursing student Amber Leitz was honored as the Nursing Student of the Year for Missouri at the Missouri Nursing Students Association's 47th annual convention in Jefferson City on Oct. 22 and 23.

"She's a good student and she's been very active in the Student Nurses Association this year," said Betty Houser, assistant professor of the department of nursing. "The faculty and SNA was very pleased."

Four other nursing students attended the convention, including Candace Frizell, junior; Jennifer Brownlee, junior; Linda Anderson, junior; and Paul Gabbert, senior.

The motto of the ceremony was "Embrace our Future." Belinda Heimericks, executive director of the Missouri Nurses Association, officiated at the ceremony.

The students attended focus sessions on burns, critical care, and transition to nursing. □

Spring 2000 registration begins this month

Class schedules for the spring 2000 semester are out and available in academic offices across campus. Preregistration will be done in department offices or at the Student Support Center.

Students should make an appointment with an academic adviser in their respective major department or with a member of the Student Support Center staff in Hearnes Hall, Room 114. A permit to enroll must be obtained from the Registrar's Office Room 100 in Hearnes Hall on the day of registration.

Athletes, athletic trainers, or students with disabilities enroll today. Nov. 8 to Dec. 10 is reserved for students with 90 or more credit hours or who have an approved application to graduate in May 2000 with an associate degree. Nov. 11 through Dec. 10 is registration for students with 60 or more hours. Nov. 15 through Dec. 10 is registration for students with 30 or more hours. Registration during Nov. 8 through Dec. 10 is for new students and those with less than 30 credit hours.

For information, students may call the Student Life Center at 625-4460, or the Registrar's Office at 625-9336. □

Education honor society inducts 22 new members

The Rho Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi conducted its fall initiation ceremony Oct. 4 and 22 new members were initiated to the education society.

Cecile Woodmansee, kindergarten teacher at Carterville Elementary School, was awarded the "Honor an Education" award for her 27 years of service as a teacher.

She was presented with an autographed children's book for her library and a certificate.

Kappa Delta Pi has a membership of 63,000 educators from the United States, England, Canada, and Australia and is by invitation only. □

Finnish leave more than promise to start exchange

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

When the instructors from the Vierumaki Sports Institute of Finland returned to their homeland Oct. 28, they left more than their memories with those they met at Missouri Southern. They left Finnish baseball equipment, nordic walking sticks, two video tapes, and the promise of furthering relations between the two schools.

In an exchange agreement between Vierumaki and Southern, the four instructors were reciprocating a trip taken by Southern instructors last January in hopes of gaining cross-cultural educational knowledge and establishing a student exchange program.

"We got so much information during our visit that it will take some time to see what will turn out," said Leena Kaivola, psychology instructor at Vierumaki.

During their six-day stay, Sherri Beeler, interim department of kinesiology head, said the Fins were kept very busy with meetings, classes, and sightseeing. During one presentation Oct. 27, they gave a demonstration for kinesiology students and instructors on how to play Finnish baseball.

Beeler said she was touched by their generosity when they donated two bats, a ball, two helmets, two gloves, and the rules and directions of how to play Finnish baseball. "The students loved it," Beeler said of the game similar to American baseball.

Beeler said the visiting instructors were impressed with the students' willingness to learn the game, and their thankfulness in having the Fins teach it.

"We got so much information during our visit that it will take some time to see what will turn out."

LEENA KAIVOLA
Instructor at Vierumaki Sports Institute of Finland

"It was a real pleasure to teach a group of such motivated and enthusiastic students," said Reijo "Randy" Bottas, track and field, swimming, ice hockey and soccer coach at Vierumaki.

During Southern's excursion to Finland, Beeler said they were exposed to nordic walking. She said the sport consists of walking with the assistance of poles that are similar to ski poles.

After the trip, Beeler said the department implemented that sport as a fitness walking class at Southern. She said she had difficulty finding the correct poles used for the walking class.

The Fins left true Finnish exercise sticks with Beeler and Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, who also participated in the exchange last January. The instructors also left educational videos about Vierumaki with Beeler.

Beeler said the trip's main outcome was the strengthening of relations between the



Palvi Sinkkonen (second from right), health education instructor at the Sport Institute of Finland in Vierumaki, speaks to Southern kinesiology students.

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two schools. The Fins agreed.

"The concrete benefit from this trip is the start of the student exchange between the two institutions," Kaivola said. "The exchange is going to start on a regular basis, and it is always easier to deal with people who you already know."

One student both the Southern and Finnish representatives said helped establish the exchange was Tomi Paalanan, a senior sec-

ondary education major and Finnish track and field athlete, who sparked interest in exchanging ideas between the schools.

Beeler said details of the agreement are being worked out and the exchange is still in the planning process, but she said she hopes it will take off.

"It was a good trip [for the Fins], and I hope we'll be able to finalize the exchange agreement," Beeler said. □

PUBLIC FORUM

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Assembly should end benefit bias

Missouri's state retirement system (MOSERS) should provide parity for all state employees. Single, and divorced, or widowed employees without children under 21 (such employees hereafter will be called non-married) are not being offered the same benefits as employees who are married without children, or married with children under 21.

For example, if the non-married employees were to die before retirement begins, no money goes to any beneficiary. Nothing goes to children over 21, nor to elderly parents of the deceased employees. Their numbers of years working in the retirement system are disregarded totally.

In addition, if married couples were to die before retirement, their children over 21 would receive no benefits. All handicapped children over 21 are not legal beneficiaries of any deceased employees before retirement. (However, after July, 2000, they will benefit because of recent legislative changes in the retirement system).

The rationale by state legislators who provide for MOSERS is that state monies should go only to those in need, such as children under 21 and the surviving spouses. Consideration for surviving spouses is based on the past regard for "the little woman," left as helpless widows if their state-employed husbands died. Today, many wives work and have their own retirement benefits. Thus, many are independent and not in the dire need they once were. However, the purpose of this article is not to negate gains made by any group, but to emphasize parity for everyone.

As a point of argument — today, many elderly parents accumulated their retirement monies at substantially lesser rates during periods of low inflation. But, they cannot be beneficiaries under the present system if employees die before retirement, even though they may be legal dependents.

Students of the employees. Also, children older than 21 may be in graduate schools, or need help, but they, too, are disregarded by the present system.

The legislature does enact new retirement provisions, with the latest being the MOSERS 2000 plan. In fact, in 1998, the College was involved in appropriating money for new spouse survivor options. The total spending between the College and the state added up to a 2.2 percent compensation for employees.

While it is good to have improvements to the system, certain employees — those married — got 2.2 percent more in compensation. Non-married employees, the primary workers, will never benefit under this provision. In many respects, non-married employees are subsidizing the retirement system for the spouses of married employees. Even though they are not putting money directly into the system, what is set aside for non-married employees rewards other employees.

MOSERS should allow all employees to designate their beneficiaries for pre-retirement deaths that might occur. Or, MOSERS or employers should subsidize their non-married employees with term life insurance policies to cover their supposedly "accrued" benefits (as many non-married employees have now to cover their lack of benefits for beneficiaries).

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Keep guns away from campus

One of the most attractive features Missouri Southern offers prospective students is a safe environment where they can experience college without living in fear of imminent personal danger. Campus crime is nearly nonexistent. When disturbances occur, they usually involve vandalized or stolen property. Since we have been blessed with tranquility, it would be unwise to disturb the harmony by commissioning and arming our campus security officers.

Several years have passed since a serious crime has occurred on or near our campus. Unfortunately, this trend will not hold forever, but arming security will probably not serve as a deterrent.

Every week *The Chart* publishes campus security reports on page two. Often they are the most entertaining section of the newspaper. The Southern community is far from criminal. The majority of campus security's police work involves patrolling campus and preventing sophomore behavior.

Past reports have featured sledding on campus, prank calls, magazine salesmen bothering students in the residence halls, Doug Camahan, dean of students, having his car window shattered by a rock thrown by a weed eater (twice), and students rollerblading on the third floor of Spiva Library and in Webster Hall.

This week's sole report is the theft of a director's chair that was left outside for a week.

When serious emergencies occur, security assists the Joplin

Police Department (JPD) in responding. Security can notify JPD, direct them to the problem, and provide crowd control. JPD routinely patrols the area surrounding campus and can respond.

Assisting the JPD is one of the many valuable services security provides. Security monitors the campus 24 hours a day and protects College buildings and property.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said security's current role is a service to the students, faculty, and staff.

Most students' contact with security is positive. They help students get into locked cars and provide a jump when a battery is drained.

This non-confrontational image would disappear if the officers wore sidearms when responding to the most mundane and calls. It may seem better to have and not need, than to need and not have, but guns are unique. In many ways, guns breed rabbits. Introduce them to the campus, and more will surely appear and not always in the hands of trained professionals.

The state gives the Board of Regents the authority to commission and arm our officers who meet the training requirements of peace officers. Although we are the only campus in the state without commissioned officers and one of only three without any officers, it would be foolish to consider changing the policy.

Unsigned editorials and cartoons on this page represent the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Opinions elsewhere on the page represent individual viewpoints of columnists and readers.

What, you think there's a 'G' in Jennifer?

As I sit here at *The Chart's* paleozoic age Macintosh computer pondering I am suddenly hit with the realization that in 50 years we will be a society populated with grandmothers named "Amanda" and "Kim" and "Alicia" and grandfathers named "Zack" and "Cory" and "Brendon." What will happen to those classic names "Ethel" and "Cecil" and "Elmer"? Did our grandparents think that their grandparents' names were weird and out of date? Perhaps our grandchildren will be sporting the retro names of the past. I mean if it works for clothes then why can't it work for names? Imagine our grandchildren decked out in '92 grunge attire answering to the names "Cleetis" and "Herbert."



EDITOR'S COLUMN

ERIN SELLERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

with the weird mutations of common names but as a former kindergartner I know just how discouraging it can be when you are the only one who doesn't get the right answer. So let's not get carried away, a silent "h" now and then is fine but when we become so carried away that we're naming our dogs Fido (spelled ph-daux) then we've gone too far. If you want to name your kid "Jason" then by all means do it. But spell it "Jason" not "Jaysin" or "J-son." Unique or creative nowadays would be spelling a name the way it's suppose to be spelled.

But back to the matter at hand, what happens to old names once a couple of generations go past? As we have the save the spotted owl society and the save the rain forest society, I feel we need a "Save the Geriatric Name" society. Why should names like "Delpha" and "Ezra" be buried with their owners? We need to preserve that part of our history that may be lost forever. I can see it now—"SGN" buttons, t-shirts, informational pamphlets! We'll have national conventions, perhaps even a SGN presidential candidate (it couldn't be any worse than the ones we have now.) But seriously, old names are personal pieces of our past. Just like anything historical, these names just need a little restoration. I know that some of you have that "I was named after my great-great-aunt's-best-friend-Helga" middle name. And yes, I too am a victim of hand-me-down

middle names, but even though I totally dog on my middle name I realize the importance of tradition. Family names should be looked at as a legacy as opposed to a curse. It's considered sentimental for a daughter to wear her mother's wedding dress in her own wedding and that's just one day. How much more sentimental and special shouldn't it be to wear your mother's name for life?

My sister just had a baby girl and all the trendy names in the book were thrown around for this poor child, but in the end my sister settled on "Kipplyn," after my aunt. Now it might not be as trendy as "Taylor" or "Amber" but in twenty years the legacy of her name will be much more important than merely following the fads. I remember asking my mom where my first name came from and she was like, "Umm... I'm not sure, I think your dad just liked it." So as much as I hate my middle name I must admit that it gives me a small sense of pride to know that a little more effort than "I think your dad liked it" went into my middle name.

So, when you're in the delivery room and you can't think of a name for your new genetic link, don't simply twist a cliché name, look on the old family tree and perhaps you'll rekindle a dying name. □

*This column's purpose is not to offend people with the so-called 'trendy' names mentioned in this column, so if you are one of those people with the above mentioned names or these are the names of friends or family, I apologize for any offense you've taken from my opinion. It was all meant in good humor.

College life can promote sometimes deadly meningitis

[This letter was also sent to Missouri Southern's residence halls, and Doug Carnahan, dean of students.]

Recently a story ran on 20/20 about the increased risk college students have of contracting Meningitis. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is recommending that college students and their parents should be educated about the signs and symptoms of the disease, to seek medical attention immediately if these symptoms are experienced, and that there is an effective vaccine available. The American College Health Association recom-

mends all college students consider getting the meningitis vaccine. The vaccine is 85 percent effective against four strains of bacterial meningitis, which account for about 70 percent of cases in college students.

Meningitis is a potentially deadly inflammation of the fluid in the spinal cord and the fluid surrounding the brain. It is sometimes referred to as spinal meningitis. The disease usually is caused by a viral or bacterial infection. Viral meningitis usually is less severe, but bacterial meningitis can be fatal. In 1998-99, 83 cases of meningococcal disease, six of them fatal, were reported among college students.

At first, meningitis may feel like the flu. Symptoms include headache, high fever, stiff neck and nausea. The symptoms can come on quickly and up to 10 percent of patients die within days of developing the disease. Survivors may have organ or brain damage and lose limbs.

Studies suggest college lifestyle factors such as crowded living conditions, stress, smoking, and binge drinking may put students at greater risk of getting meningitis. It can be spread through kissing, sneezing, and sharing kitchen utensils.

We want to give parents and students the opportunity to make an informed choice, and hopefully pre-

vent them from having to go through the ravages of this terrible disease.

The Meningitis Vaccine is available at the Student Health Center for \$55, and can be billed to your student account. Please call for an appointment at 625-9323.

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Ford comfortable after returning home

College Webmaster utilizes artistic talent

BY ARIK GILBERT
Chart Reporter

Former Instructors who worry if Liz Ford found a job where she is comfortable can rest easy.

Graduating from Missouri Southern in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in art, Ford is now a graphic designer/web designer at her alma mater. Even though she has been employed constantly since graduation, Ford has only lived away from Joplin for a short period of time.

"It's like coming back home," she said. "I lived in Tulsa for four years, and it was all right, but I liked being in

Joplin so much more."

Art has been a lifetime love for Ford, but she decided to go into the commercial aspects of it for a couple of reasons.

"I took Commercial Design in my last semester and I got really interested in it," Ford said. "Also, with commercial art, I can create something and everyone can enjoy it and I still have it too."

Ford has worked for a variety of different agencies in the Joplin area, including Dixie Printing where she learned about the darkroom, the press, layout design, and virtually every other aspect of the commercial design business. Other companies she has worked for include Otasco and the former Oak Hill Hospital. But all that changed when she heard about her current position at Southern last

spring. Hired over the summer, Ford has not had a chance to let her past instructors know she has returned to Southern as a staff member.

"I don't even know if they know I'm here," she said. "I haven't been able to get over to the department yet to see them."

While some people might enjoy serenely planned days, it is quite the opposite for Ford. According to her, a workday can change in a heartbeat.

"You'll think, I'm going to go in and work on this brochure and then the phone will ring and everything will change," Ford said. "It's definitely not a peace and quiet job, but I like that."

To offset the stressful days in the office, Ford retreats to her five-acre spread on the edge of town, where her daughter and dog await.

"I love it until the leaves fall," she

said with a smile. "But I also enjoy bird-watching and taking photos of my daughter and our dog, Sparky."

The appeal for the arts seems to be a family trait, as her daughter Emily has taken an interest in artistic expression as well. Together, Ford and her daughter stay busy working on recreational art projects.

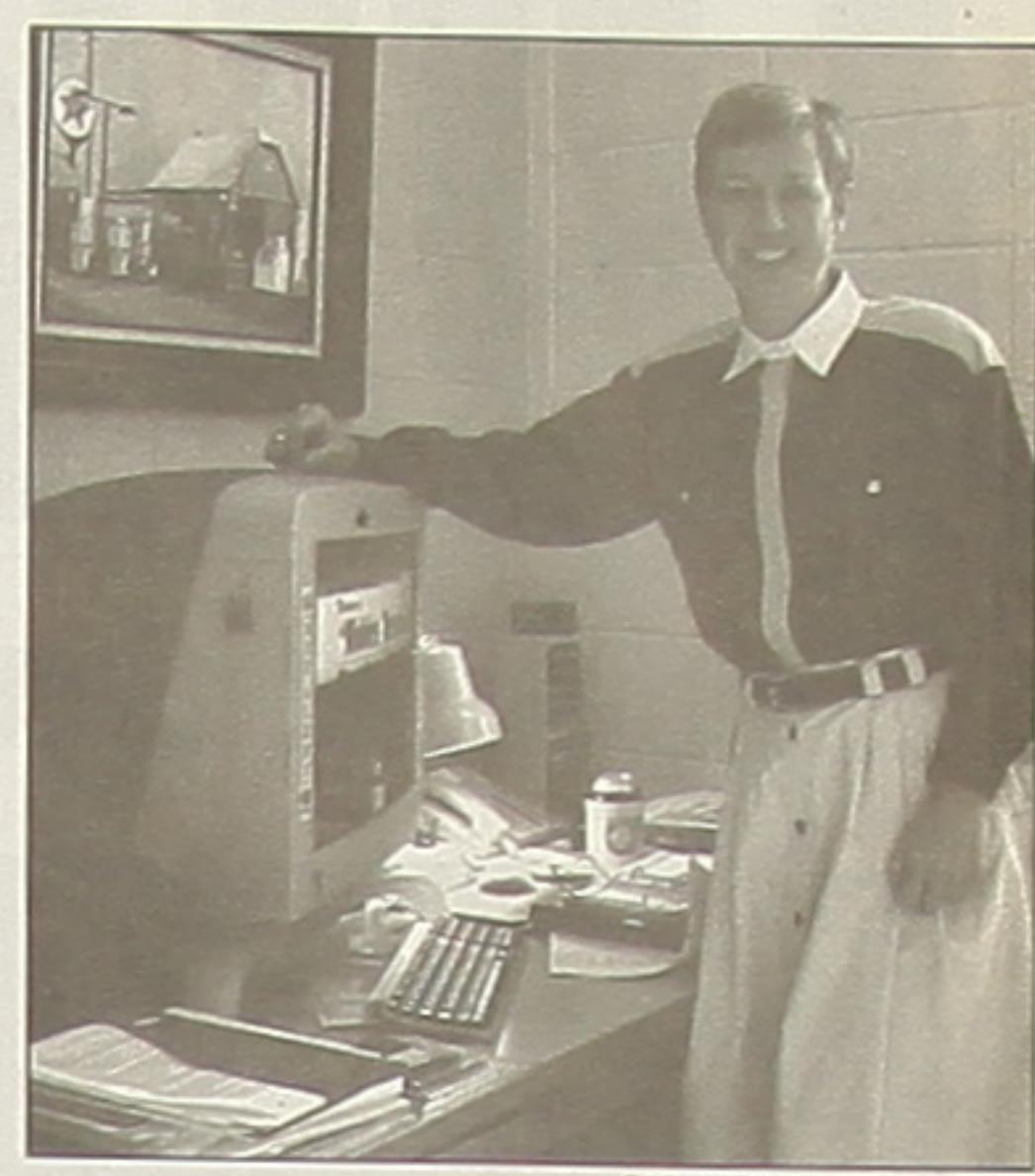
"I had to get another cabinet for all the art supplies," Ford said.

Before college, Ford spent a summer as a guest entomologist at South Dakota University.

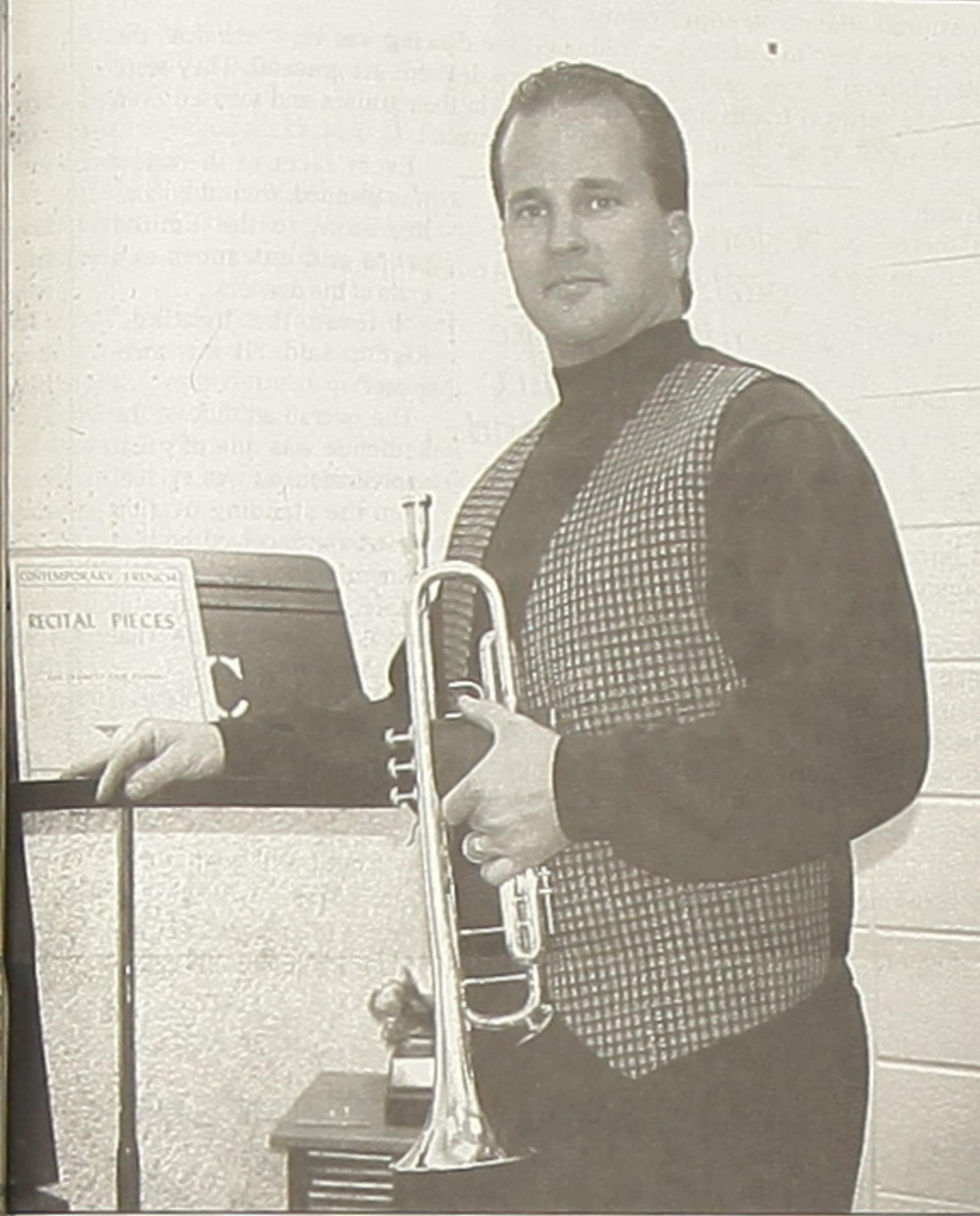
"I did minor in biology, but my first love was always art," she said.

As for advice for new students, Ford has a couple of suggestions.

"When you graduate, you miss school," she said. "You may not realize it now, but all the varied classes really help you a lot." □



SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart
Liz Ford poses beside her 21-inch monitor in the Public Information Office at the College.



Sarah Lankford/The Chart
David Rusty Russell, Missouri Southern's new Lion Pride Marching Band director, fought a battle against cancer and won.

Marching band director may bring new venue

BY GABRIEL L. STOKES
Chart Reporter

From cancer survivor to director of the Lion Pride Marching Band, Missouri Southern has a role model in its midst.

Six years ago David Russell "Rusty" Raymond, assistant professor of music, battled cancer and won.

"In two weeks they had found it, diagnosed and after it [the tumor] was gone I had to undergo radiation therapy," Raymond said.

He said the experience created a new outlook on life.

"It did affect how I look at relationships and people," Raymond said. "Your state of mind, whether you're happy or angry is a choice, and you can set up every morning and choose to be in a bad mood or choose not to. I choose to be a good mood all the time."

In four years as director at Parkview High School in Springfield, Raymond doubled the size of the marching band.

Although this is his first year at Southern, he thinks Joplin and the surrounding area may give the Lion Pride Marching Band a good chance to rapidly expand.

All the elements are in place in the surrounding communities that have strong band programs, and there are lots of students on campus who have been involved in band either in college or back in high school, and I think the potential here is great," Raymond said.

He is currently traveling to area schools to promote the Lion Pride Marching Band as a community resource. He has worked with students in Webb City, and plans on going to all the area schools as well as ones in Springfield.

"Springfield is an untapped market, and those guys need to know that Southern exists and is a good school," Raymond said.

"We knew when we first interviewed him, he was the person we wanted," said Pete Havelly, head of the music department.

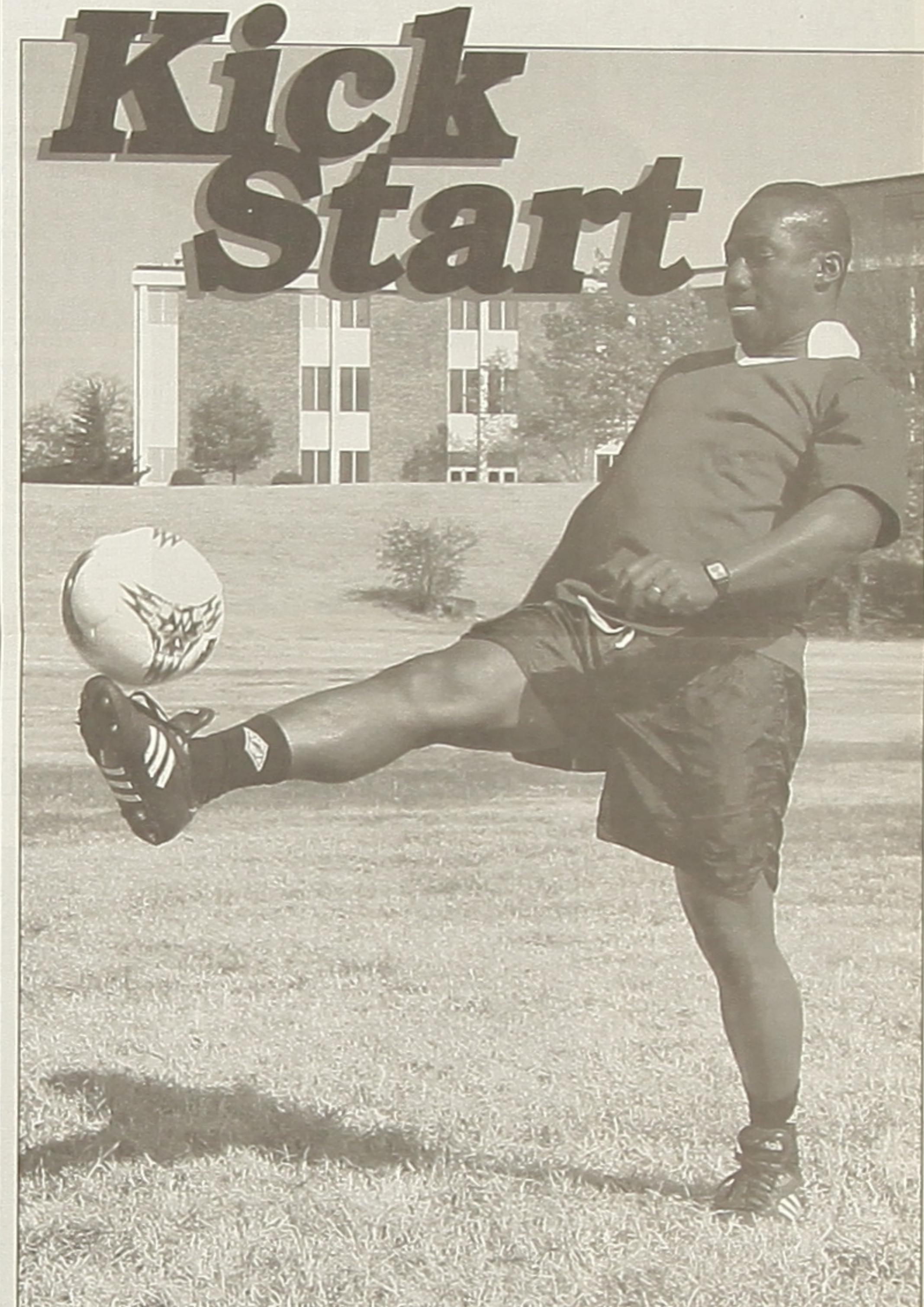
"It was obvious that he had real command of his field. He knew what he was doing and knew what he was talking about; he was obviously a good band director, and also he came from Springfield, and that was close enough so that I could hear about him. I had even judged his bands at competitions, so I had seen his product before. I think he represents a really bright future for our band."

Raymond said someone considering playing an instrument should do it because music provides positive effects on the human body from higher thinking skills to getting in touch with one's creative side.

Raymond urges anyone who may not know if they are good enough to play in the band, to try out with the music department, and work with it to reach one's musical goals and at the same time not feel intimidated.

"I think there are a lot of kids out there who miss playing their instruments and don't realize there are opportunities for them," he said. □

PETE HAVELLY
Music Department Head



Sarah Lankford/The Chart
Dr. Nii Abrahams, assistant professor of economics, is originally from Ghana. He says his passions include his faith in God, and a love for soccer.

Family, faith important to Abrahams

BY DEBORAH MORRIS
Chart Reporter

Many instructors at Missouri Southern can say they have been to a foreign country, but few can say they lived there.

Not so with Dr. Nii (pronounced nee) Abrahams, assistant professor of economics at Southern.

"I was born and raised in Ghana," he said. "I've been in the States nine years."

Abrahams said he hasn't been back to Ghana yet, but, "[my family and I are] planning on going back next summer."

Abrahams has many good reasons to return to Ghana. His parents and five siblings remain in his native country.

His brother recently married, and Abrahams called to talk to his family.

"I was so happy [to talk to them], but so miserable," he said.

One of Abrahams' passions is his

faith. A "deeply religious" individual, he enjoys Christian music, especially artists like Ray Boltz and Wayne Watson, although his favorite is Carman.

He and his family attend services at Galena Assembly of God. Abrahams enjoys singing specials in his church and adds, "I sing very well."

Abrahams is married to Faustina, also from Ghana. They have two sons, ages 7 and 5. Their second-grader and kindergartner attend school in Carl Junction.

Another one of Abrahams' passions is soccer.

"Soccer, that's my thing," he said.

"[Soccer is] very big in Ghana."

Abrahams is a family-oriented man. He said that his greatest role model was his father.

"If I can be half the father he was to me to my kids, I think they will turn out to be great," Abrahams said.

He has lived a number of different places and has had a variety of different jobs. After leaving Ghana, he got his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts and went on to receive his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. Abrahams then moved to Georgia and taught a class for two semesters before coming to Southern.

Abrahams has had many different jobs, one of which was as an economist for the state of Virginia. His most unusual job was working in a machine shop in Pennsylvania, "making equipment that picked up golf balls from golf ranges."

Abrahams has some advice for Southern students.

"Work hard; professors are not against you; and whatever you put work into, whatever your dream is, will pay off," he said.

"And not to sound too spiritual, commit your life to Christ." □

Diversions

Latin American performers tango onto Southern stage



NOPPODAL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Members of the Argentine troupe performed a concert to a packed audience in Taylor Auditorium last Wednesday. The show featured tango dances mixed with a modern twist.

Argentine troupe dances into hearts of students, faculty campus-wide

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Argentina tangoed into Joplin on Wednesday night. The international dance troupe TANGOKinesis performed a concert to a packed audience in Taylor Auditorium. They strutted onto stage and performed a series of traditional tango dances interspersed with a slightly modern twist.

The show started with a narration in Spanish, thereby linking the tie to Missouri Southern's Latin America Semester. It then led into a series of dances featuring every instrument from a fiddle to an electric guitar.

The audience even learned that everyday sounds such as car engines and horns can be used in a musical manner.

At times it even became difficult to distinguish the music from the sounds. In fact, to the TANGOKinesis composers, car horns are music. Symbolism portrayed various themes throughout the performance. Themes of death and love and even humor sprang forth through the dancing.

Three of the pieces performed by the troupe used machine gun fire and the sounds of women screaming as music to convey the tragic history of Argentina.

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BRITTANY RIGDON
Sophomore English major

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Every facet of the show was planned, from the dancing down to the limited props and entrances and exits of the dancers.

"I loved the lighting," Rigdon said. "It was awesome!"

The overall attitude of the audience was one of great appreciation, as was evident from the standing ovation the troupe received both at intermission and at the finale. But still some students didn't quite know what to make of the dance

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'Dogma' spawns theological ponderings

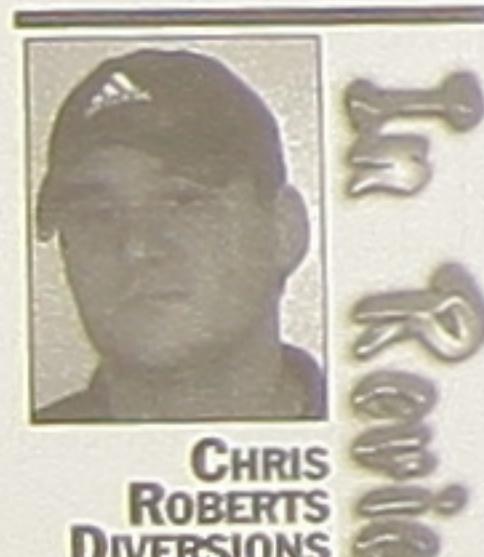
BY CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

All of you conservative Christians better hold on to your hats when Kevin Smith's new movie *Dogma* hits theaters next Friday. It is definitely controversial and is bound to make the avid churchgoer uncomfortable, to say the least.

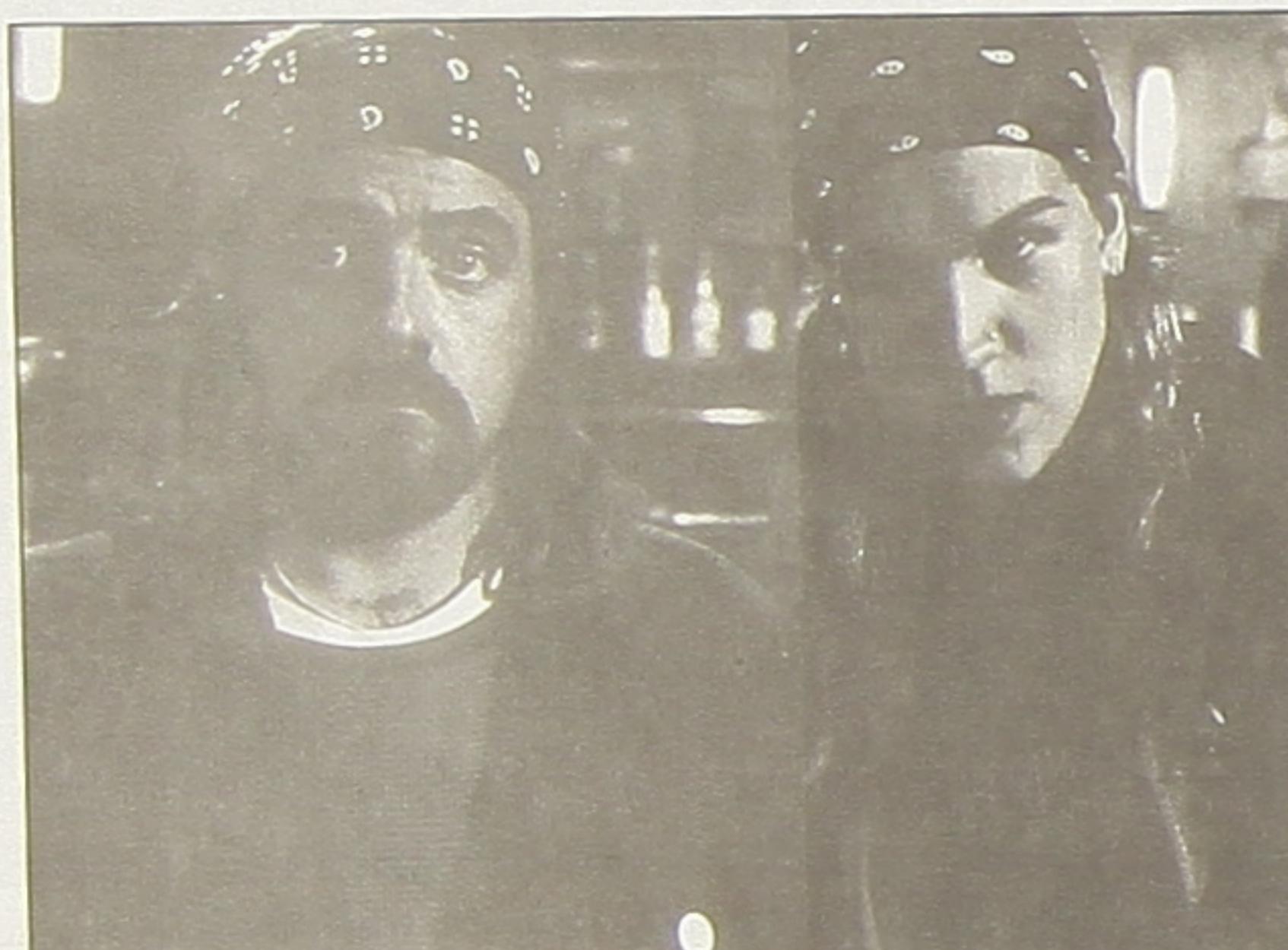
That is not to say that the movie is bad in any way, shape, or form. It is actually a very good movie, especially considering all of the blatant little digs that Smith takes pleasure in dealing out to organized religions.

In his latest film since *Chasing Amy*, Smith's story of angels, demons, apostles, and prophets who duke it out for the fate of humankind is a comedic look at the cynical and innocent members of the American congregation.

Two renegade angels, played by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, stumble upon an outlandish scheme that will enable them to return to their home, heaven. The only problem with this is that it would prove God wrong and thus reverse everything God has ever done, including the creation of the earth. Therefore God chooses a woman, Bethany, played by Linda Fiorentino (better known as the risqué mortician from *Men In Black*), to thwart the angels and thereby negate the destruction of the world. Helping her along the way are a ragtag bunch of unlikely crusaders. An angel claiming to be the Voice of God, played by Alan Rickman (*Die Hard*, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*), motivates Bethany in less than tactful ways and leads her to a pair of outrageous prophets known only as Jay and Silent Bob. So prevalent is their help that it even rains from the sky in the form of an apostle with a 2,000 year old gripe, played by Chris Rock.



CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor



Dogma, starring Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, hits theaters next Friday. Writer/Director Kevin Smith (left) also acted alongside Jason Mewes (right).

Hayek (*Desperado*, *Wild Wild West*), who spends her free time making men drool in strip joints. Hayek's main goal is to attempt to discover the mind behind the evil plan.

This film really isn't nearly as controversial as the media has made it out to be. Sure, Smith uses organized religion, mainly Catholicism, as a platform to state his spiritual beliefs. But Christians should be happy that there is finally a mainstream movie that is not shy in talking about God and Jesus. Granted, Smith takes pleasure in making numerous jokes about the petty squabbles surrounding religious denominations, but the message that he is trying to send out, that meager differences in dogma too often keep soul-seekers from the important stuff, resounds loudly behind the sarcastic picture of religion. Besides that, it makes people think.

Because of this movie, I've had more people ask me about God and Jesus in one week than I have in the past three months.

Funny how God can use something that has a negative aspect and use it for his good.

After the special screening of the film, the audience was gifted with a unique question

and answer session with the man himself, Kevin Smith. During the session Smith explained his motives behind the making of the film.

"It started with me asking some questions about my own faith," he said, "but the flick doesn't attempt to hold out answers to any of those questions. It's meant to make you laugh."

"Predominately, what I've always done is relationship movies and this is a farce and fantasy about the relationship with God. All along, I've thought, 'How seriously can you take a movie that has a rubber poop monster in it?'

The only problem with Smith's cantankerous approach is that it comes dangerously close to a polytheistic theory. It is sad that no two denominations can seem to agree on anything, but there is a place where lines must be drawn, and the idea that a person is safe in worshiping all forms of deity is absurd.

Dogma is a completely different angle from Smith's other movies with a totally different look and feel. He takes on some serious themes in a fun and light way.

It's too bad that the majority of zealots can't seem to do that too. □



Two debaters from Britain seek word duel with Southern team

BY CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The British are coming! The British are coming! The British National Debate Team, that is. In a 39-school tour of nationwide college campuses, two British debaters will be making Missouri Southern their 33rd stop. Their journey through the states will land them in Webster auditorium on Friday, Nov. 12, when they will test their mettle in a duel of words against Southern's own debate team.

The battle begins at 7 p.m., taking on the form of a non-audience participation parliamentary style

Art department offers

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Perhaps the creator of the next "It keeps going and going..." or "Just Do It" is currently residing in Missouri Southern's graphic arts department.

Southern Concepts, the graphic arts club, is hoping to uncover such an individual. The club, which focuses mainly on advertising design, was the creation of David Noblett, associate professor of art.

"My objective was to have a student organization in the arts department where students could tour agencies and find out exactly what career opportunities exist for them in their major," Noblett said.

Southern Concepts left yesterday for a three-day trip to St. Louis.

"We're touring one of the larger advertising agencies in St. Louis," Noblett said.

"They've done ads for airlines and beer."

Southern Concepts' members took sev-

eral creative measures to gather funds for holding a garage sale.

The club is a member of the Institute of Graphic Design, the only organization of graphic arts.

The benefits to being a member of AIGA is that it is a major city, so when a graduate from Missouri Southern immediately have a job in the country.

Since Southern Concepts has more than eight years, many members have found jobs in the advertising industry.

"Wal-Mart wasn't the first place we took students until we took them to St. Louis."

"And since then they've graduated."

Noblett urges everyone to support the club with Southern Concepts.



Kevin Smith's highly controversial movie "Dogma" hits theatres next Friday but Diversions' editor Chris Roberts got a sneak preview of the new flick. Read his review in today's Diversions.

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Southern Jazz jumps & jives with 'salute to swing'

the Music department
belongs to Southern Jazz
BY CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

Campus will be jumpin' and jivin' this week as Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra performs a "Salute to Swing" Tuesday night.

A group has been preparing for the event semester with daily practices, and have performed at high schools. A senior music education major, is in his fifth year as a trombone player. "Jazz and all the hours of rehearsal have brought us together," he said. "It makes us feel like we are sharing this time, musically."

The group is made up of 19 members and will be performing the music of the Count Basie Orchestra, Woody Herman Herds, Clark Terry and some contemporary jazz.

Assistant professor of music, is in his first year of teaching jazz orchestra, and has brought some new energy to the group.

"It's going to be something really new and exciting for the community, and they'll be pleasantly surprised," he said.

"We enjoy playing jazz and all the hours of rehearsal have brought all the members together."

TREVOR HEADRICK
Senior Music Education major

Program including: "I Remember You," featuring Melinda Simmons, senior secondary education major; and "Blue Moon,"

"Duke It Out," and "Frank Granata's Blues." "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most" features Lance Burnett, senior secondary education major, on flugelhorn.

Along with the instrumental selections, there will be two vocal jazz classics in the program.

performed by the Southern Exposure Vocal Jazz Quartet. The concert is one of two major shows the jazz orchestra performs each year.

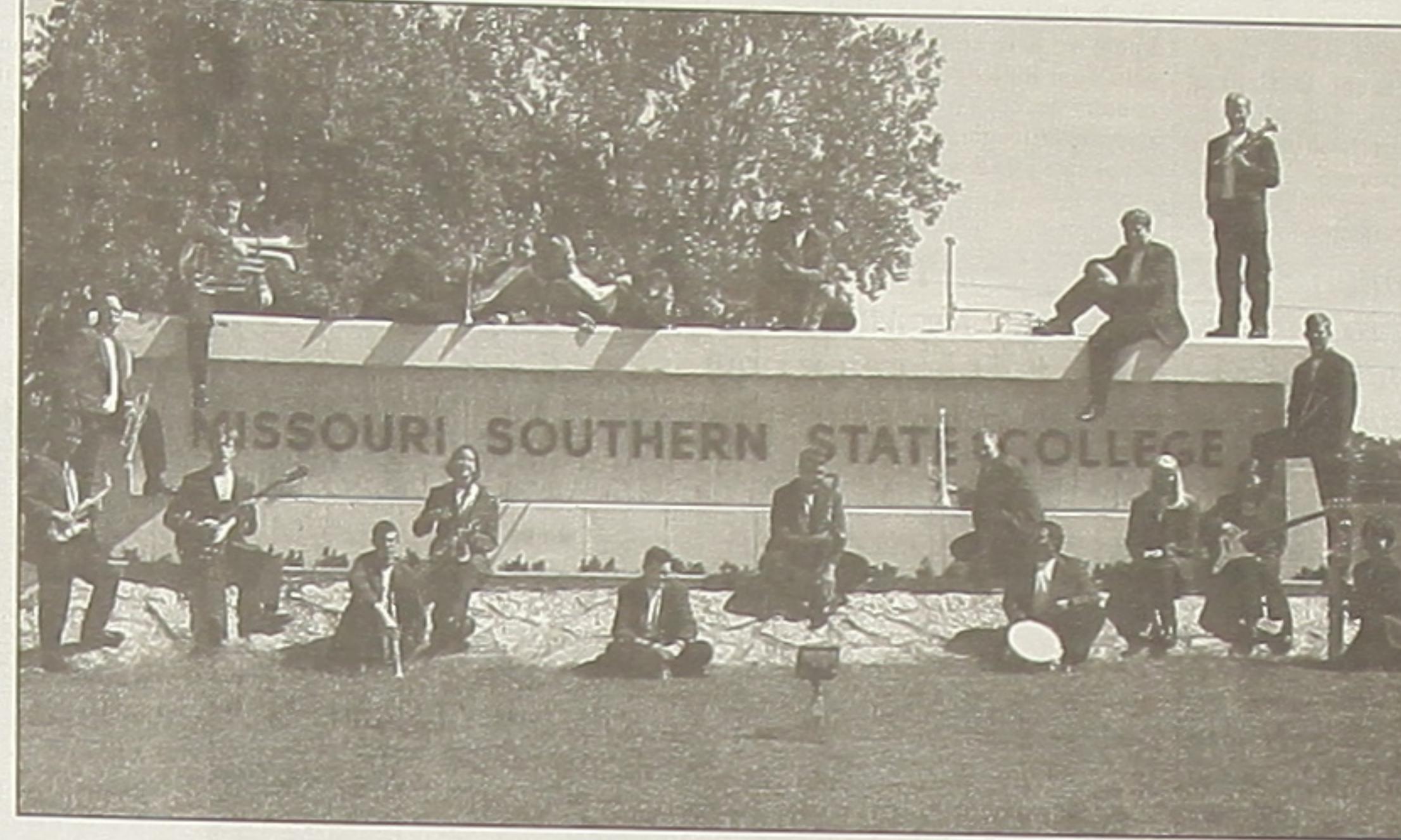
It will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster auditorium, and is free to the public.

Wes Smith, senior music major, plays tenor sax for the orchestra.

"I'm expecting the performance to be enjoyable to everyone," he said. "That comes from the work ethic we have and the amount of work we've put into it this semester."

Wise is looking forward to the first concert under his direction at Southern.

"The concert offers both music students and the community-at-large to experience some great jazz music," he said. □



FILE PHOTO/The Chart

The Missouri Southern Jazz Band, which consists of nineteen members, is a 'tight ensemble.' They will be playing their 'Salute to Swing' this Tuesday in Webster auditorium in what is considered one of their top performances of the year.

The Next Revolution

Their adversaries are Christopher Ryane and Simon Milnes. Ryane, a senior working toward a law degree at the University of Glasgow, was among other things, a finalist at the British and Irish national competition. His counterpart, a senior history major at the University of Oxford, was a runner-up at the World Universities Debating Championships this year in Manila, earning him an individual ranking of second overall. Ryane and Milnes declare that they will debate "anything, anytime, anywhere." British debaters

usually hear the topics 15 minutes before the debate starts, meaning that preparation is nearly impossible. Because of this, they challenge the combating colleges to choose any topical motion they want.

Depending on the chosen topic, debates can range from a performance with some thought and research behind it, to a stream of eloquent gags at each other's expense.

"Either way, they are going to be tough," Doubledee said.

"I saw last year's British debaters in Fargo and one of the girls was phenomenal," Larson said. "They have the stuff that makes you say 'Wow, that's impressive.'"

Day and Meador aren't out of their league, though. This past weekend at the Annual Speech and Debate Tournament at the University of

Missouri-St. Louis, they advanced to the final round in the open division where they won the tournament in a resounding 3-0 decision. The open division had 24 teams representing 29 schools. Day and Meador were undefeated throughout the entire tournament.

"They were on the wave," Larson said. "You get on a wave and you just don't lose."

"I think Joe and Shelli can hold their own," Doubledee said. "We were, after all, invited to the World competition last year where we would have gone up against debaters of their caliber. Unfortunately, we didn't have the funds to make the trip."

Funding for the British debaters comes from the International Culture Association and Southern's Institute for International Studies. The event is free to all. □



Graphic 'concepts'

is not exclusive to the art department. "Anyone's welcome — if they're interested in advertising they're welcome," he said.

Heather Kite, sophomore graphic arts major, joined the club about a month ago.

"It helps with job placement and it looks good on your resume," she said.

The club meets every Friday at noon on the second floor of the art building in the room with the bad desks."

"Usually we have lunch here," Noblett said. "We plan upcoming events, our finances, and try to have a special speaker."

The club usually brings in a speaker from a regional or local advertising agency.

"We had a guest speaker come in," Kite said. "He really let us know what to expect in order to get a job, what our portfolio needs to look like — just pretty much what it's like in the professional world." □

Compositions complement concert

BY MELODY LANING
Staff Writer

Hand in hand, along with the changing of leaves and the seasons, comes Southern's Fall Choral Concert.

Showcased at the concert was the Concert Chorale, the Chamber Choir, and Southern Exposure. The event, held Tuesday evening in the Taylor Performing Arts Center, offered a variety of different musical compositions, some with an added twist.

The choirs were directed by Bud Clark, assistant professor of music, and accompanied by Marcus Van Dorn.

The first group to perform was Southern Exposure. This group is known for their catchy tunes accompanied with their flashy choreography. Some of their songs included "Old Time Rock and Roll" and the ever-popular LeAnn Rimes tune "How Do I live?" This last song featured three soloists: Melinda Simmons, sophomore secondary education major; Amy Jo Etcheson, freshman general studies major; and J.C. Harsh, freshman undecided major.

Next up was Southern's Chamber Choir. One of its many selections was "Two For The Price Of One," which included a twist in the lyrics. "Two For The Price Of One" is actually a mixture of "This Old Man" and "There Was An Old Man

Named Michael Finnegan." The two songs, sung in unison, created "Two For The Price Of One."

One of the Chamber Choir's songs consisted of unusual sound effects.

"I got a kick out of the 'Old McDonald' song," said Brandy Lukens, freshman general business major. "The director commented before the song about how songs can be sung at different maturity levels. The choir then began to sing. It was pretty funny because they were all singing away and then the soloists began with their animal sounds."

Last, but not least, was the Chamber Choir. The aura conceived from this group's choice of tunes was more of a melodic one.

"I met with Bud Clark after school started to see if I could audition for the choir," said Jennifer Butler, freshman secondary education major. "I sang a scale for him and a few other things and I got in."

"My favorite piece that we sang on Tuesday was the Mozart piece."

The choir's next performance will be the holiday vocal/instrumental concert at 7:30 p.m. on December 9 in Taylor Auditorium. The choir will also begin rehearsing for its performance of the *Messiah*, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. December 14 in Taylor Auditorium. □

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



■ Missouri Southern's Jazz Orchestra pays tribute to music of the same name in their "Salute to Swing," this Thursday in Webster auditorium. The concert is free to everyone and starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Today

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Arbor Day!

Spring enrollment for students with disabilities, honors students, and varsity and junior varsity athletes.

Bone Collector, Bachelor, and Insider open in box offices

Saturday

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Cross Country hosts NCAA Great Lakes Championship.

1 p.m.-

Football at CMSU

7 p.m.-

Dracula - The Ballet, Taylor aud.

Sunday

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Last day of Bernheim art Exhibit, Spiva.

2 - 4 p.m.-

Messiah rehearsal, Taylor aud.

Monday

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Enrollment begins for students with 90 or more hours.



12:00 p.m.-

CAB meeting, BSC 310. Everyone welcome and lunch is provided.

2 p.m.-

Testing for Writing Placement Exam, Hearn 319.

7:30 p.m.-

Philosophy club guest speaker Dr. Don Viney, The Deist Philosophy of Politicians. BSC 2nd floor lounge.

Tuesday

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7:30 p.m.-

International film fest Osaka Elegy and The Seashell and the Clergyman. Matthews aud. \$1.50

7:30 p.m.-

Jazz Orchestra concert, Webster.

Wednesday

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12 - 1 p.m.-

French club, Webster 357

7 p.m.-

Volleyball @ PSU



Thursday

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Enrollment begins for students with 60 hours or more.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.-

Theatre department organization Backstage is sponsoring a book sale. Lobby of Taylor auditorium.

5 p.m.-

French club presents the movie Indochina, with discussion afterward led by Dr. Schmidt of the History Dept. Mayes.

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Hard times build squad's strength

BY GARY SHELBY
Staff Writer

I apologize for not coming into this soccer season with an open mind.

I must admit, before the season, I watched about as many games as there are stop signs around campus. Not many. I've watched my share of Kansas City Wizards and World Cup matches on television, while always wondering, "How hard can this possibly be?" After all, soccer players

don't take the hits and physical punishment that football players do. They don't worry about hitting blazing fastballs, and the last time I checked, they don't have to shoot a ball

into a basket double its size. This season, I covered a handful of Missouri Southern men's and women's soccer matches, a golden opportunity for me to experience a number of games from beginning to end. Halfway through the season all of my preconceived notions had been laid to rest.

Southern's teams ran feverishly up and down the field while displaying skills from other sports — by foot! No wonder why those outside the United States call it football.

Each game, they fought through trips, elbows, and other cheap shots. They dealt their share, too. Sure a little fall here or a full-speed collision there doesn't sound like much, but I'm sure head coach Geoff Van Deusen would beg to differ. His Lady Lions played the latter of their season banged and beaten up. His Lions lost a few key players during the middle of a postseason chase.

They played in their shorts, jerseys, and sometimes longsleeve shirts in inclement weather. I'd slip off to my car or room for warmth, during halftime, despite being equipped with a coat and several shirts.

My conclusion: soccer players don't have it all "upstairs."

Record aside, the Lady Lions, to me, exemplified why college sports are played. Their tumultuous season doesn't necessarily reflect failure, but the foundation for better days ahead.

They began the year with 14, count 'em' 14 freshmen, two sophomores, and a lone senior who converted to a crucial position at the end of the year. Van Deusen's team finished out '99 with 11 of the 17 players who began the season.

Top-notched opponents awaited them, and every now and again, they had practice time.

I've been skeptical of Van Deusen's decision to load so many games so close together. After all, what fun is there in playing David throughout the season, and having mighty Goliath and his army of Philistines hurling the stones?

However, I smell what Van Deusen is cooking. By taking their lumps now, the Lady Lions will be a complete and competitive team in the future.

Message to the Lady Lions: Next year's schedule is going doesn't get any better.

My prediction: The Lady Lions will be a contender in the immediate future. Let me be the first to congratulate them for their 2002 conference championship team.

M.V.P. honors go to all players who survived the minefield called a season.

For the men, it was a breakthrough year. They ran past their win total of last season by five games. However, their season ended prematurely. Key wins put

Lions regroup after conference setback

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

While a conference victory was not in the cards for the men's cross country team on Sunday, Oct. 23, they now prepare to regroup and prepare for Regionals.

The Lions finished second out of the eight teams competing in the conference, which was held at Missouri-Rolla.

First place went to Central Missouri with a total of 35 points. Missouri Southern was behind the Mules with 50 points.

Leading the way for the Lions was freshman Petri Kykyri, who finished second at 25:10. Coming in third was freshman Simo Wannas at 25:17. Fifth place went to senior Jake Wells at 25:28. Taking 13th for the Lions was freshman Larry Boswell at 26:00. Vladimir Golias of Central won the race with a time of 24:55.

"It was somewhat of a letdown but in the same sense it lets us know we have to work harder," said Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach. "We knew it was going to be tough going in."

Rutledge said it was a good team

effort even though the Lions fell short. Rutledge has stressed the entire season the importance of the fifth runner being in the hunt and keeping with the pack. While the fifth runner was there for part of the race, he wasn't where he needed to be at the finish.

This is going to be one of the main things the Lions work on in preparation for the regional meet, which will begin with the women's race at noon, and the men's race at one tomorrow at Hughes Stadium.

"We face the same people we saw at conference and then some others," Rutledge pointed out.

"But only two teams go on to nationals. We have to reload, put another bullet in the chamber, and start over."

"For me it (conference) was disappointing," said freshman Petri Kykyri. "I wanted us to win. But I think we can do it at regionals."

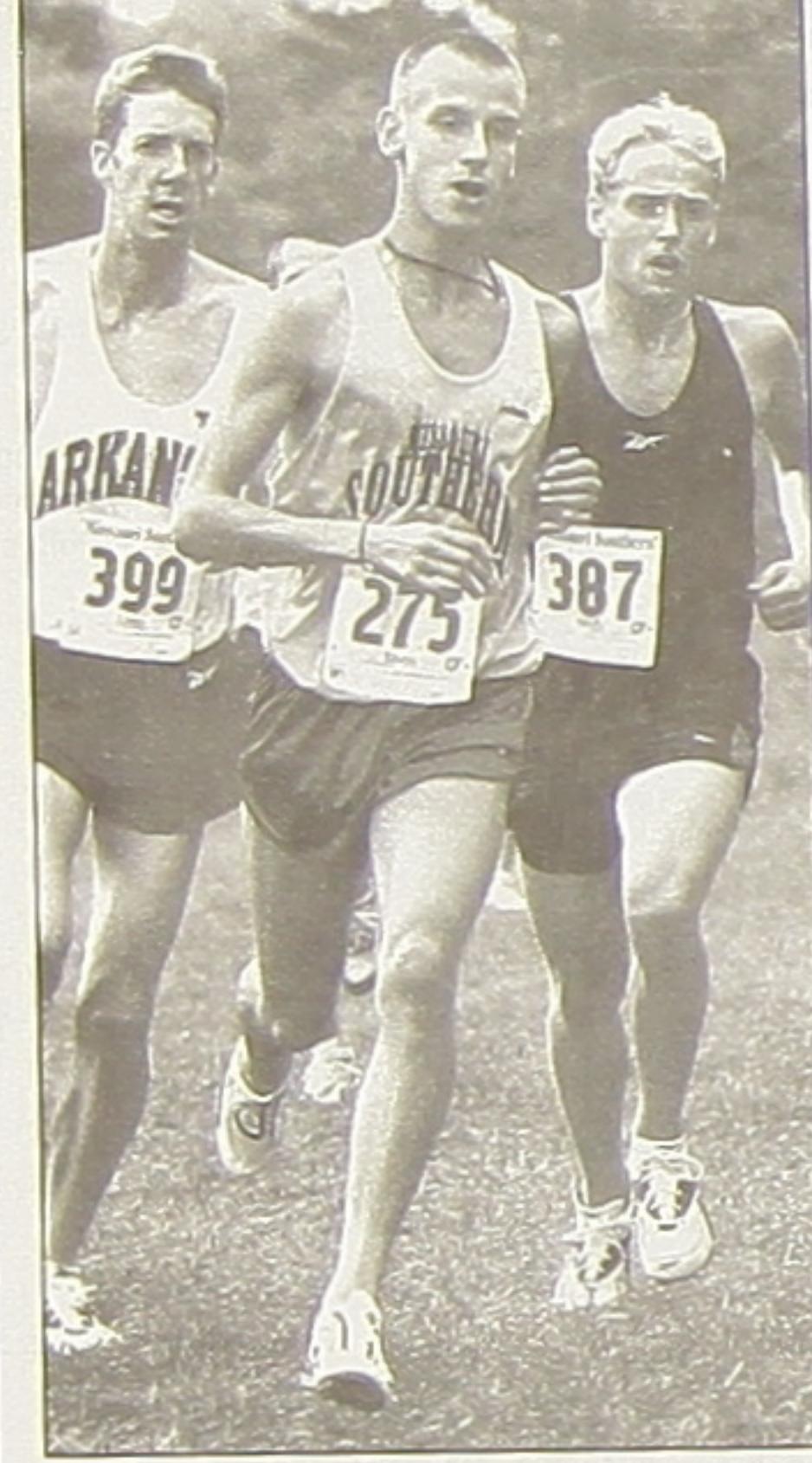
Kykyri said the team has been taking most of this week easy to prepare for regionals. He believes most of the intense training has taken place, and now the Lions need to remain healthy in preparation for tomorrow.

Rutledge pointed out that there will be several competitive teams in the region. One is Abilene Christian, which is ranked third in the nation. Central is now ranked above the Lions as well. Rutledge also said Truman will put up a fight in the meet, even though the Lions defeated them at conference.

"It's going to be another war," he said. "I just keep feeling like the team has a destiny. They work hard, they stay together, and have a good chance to go to nationals as a team. We are in the hunt and it's nice to be in the hunt." □

Freshmen Simo Wannas and Petri Kykyri crossed the ocean to run cross country for Missouri Southern. The stellar athletes from Finland are now making an impact in the MIAA.

The flying Finns



Petri Kykyri pulls away from the pack at the Southern Stampede. Kykyri medaled and led the Lions to a fourth place finish.

Rutledge unites athletes under Southern's green & gold banner

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

For some people, running miles and miles each day is not the best thing to do for recreation. But for two athletes from Finland, it has become a big part of their lives.

Recruiting all throughout the year is one of the main things Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach, does in order to produce strong teams. This season he has freshmen Simo Wannas and Petri Kykyri competing on his team.

Rutledge said he had made contact with the head cross country and track coach for Finland's national team in his mission to find competitive athletes.

"I went to Finland last January to the Vimruuaki Sports Institute," he said. "I visited with over 30 different athletes, and visited with Simo and Petri. They were being recruited by other schools, but chose to come here. And thank goodness they did."

Wannas comes from Espoo, which is south of Finland. He recalls that

Rutledge was determined to have both he and Kykyri on the team.

Wannas, who has been running seriously now for about five years, said this is a different way of competing from what he has experienced. The main reason for this is because there is no cross country or track competition where he comes from.

"We just have training clubs," he said. "But we will run 80 to 100 miles each week."

Kykyri comes from Kouvola, where he has been running all his life. He remembers participating in a race as early as 3 years old.

"I wanted to go to the top of the world," he said. "So I chose this place."

Both Wannas and Kykyri have become close friends in the time they have gotten to know one another. The first time they actually met was at a training camp in Portugal. Both runners believe they are equal in ability, which adds to their competition.

"We just joke about it, but it gives me more motivation," Kykyri said. "I lost to him (Wannas) at St. Louis and ran for five minutes more every day and

stretched more to beat him at conference."

Both athletes have considered their first year of representing Missouri Southern in cross country a success. One of their goals is to finish strong at the regional meet, and hopefully qualify to nationals. As far as next year goes, they hope the Lions are able to make history in their achievements.

"We can win conference next year," Wannas said. "And we want to win nationals."

"This has helped out our team in a lot of ways," Rutledge said. "Not only athletic ability, but also chemistry. The cultural diversity and international mission has helped our team probably more than anybody."

Both Wannas and Kykyri have much respect for Rutledge and what he is trying to do for the program. They said this is the best Division II school they would like to be competing for, and want to express their personal thanks to the team.

"We are all united under one flag at Missouri Southern," Rutledge said. "And that's a great feeling." □

Women's cross country never gives up, gears for regional action

Southern hosts regional action noon tomorrow

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

After the women's cross country team fell short of winning two conference titles in a row, the ultimate goal now is to stay healthy and run a great race at regionals.

The Lady Lions finished sixth out of eight competing teams on Sunday, Oct. 24 at Missouri-Rolla. Missouri Southern scored a total of 136 points. Central Missouri

took the meet with 56 points.

Finishing first for the Lady Lions was sophomore Chasity Hank, who was 16th with a time of 23:36. Others competing for Southern were freshman Angela Hyde, 22nd, at 23:50; sophomore Brenna McCall, 27th, at 24:01; senior Jill Becker, 35th, at 24:23; and sophomore Margaret Miklovic, 36th, at 24:26.

"We did not have our best day of the year," said Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach.

Vavra pointed out that the majority of her runners improved their times almost 20 to 30 seconds from a few weeks ago when they competed on the course. She said Hank and Hyde's consistent running all year long has been a big asset to the team.

"The ladies' best character is never giving up," she said. "This is really a group with a great amount of character. They did a good job of packing, but just were not up in front."

The Lady Lions will be competing in the regional meet at noon tomorrow at Hughes Stadium. Vavra believes this is one of the toughest regions in the country.

"This week we have been cutting back on mileage and just doing recovery runs," Hyde said. "But last week we did a lot of mileage and a lot of speed."

Hyde said she wants to improve her time even more for the last meet. Vavra said most of the hard training is now over for the Lady Lions, and that the team's goal is to run its best race of the season. □

"This is really a group with a great amount of character. They did a good job of packing, but just were not up in front."

Patty Vavra

Women's Cross Country

Southern looks to snap four game skid

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

Down-to-the-wire contests have plagued the Missouri Southern football team its last two games, and as they travel to Warrensburg tomorrow, they attempt to return the favor. After a heartbreaking Homecoming loss to the Truman State Bulldogs, 45-40, the Lions traveled to St. Joseph on Saturday to take on Missouri Western. In an offensive struggle, the Lions drew first blood by scoring late in the first half when junior Kevin Pedrola ran for a seven-yard touchdown to put his team on top, 6-0. The score remained the same when junior kicker Mark Lewandowski failed on the extra point attempt.

Greg Gregory, head football coach, recalled Southern being in control for the majority of the game. However, with about a minute left in the third quarter, Western's Chad Smith recovered a Lion fumble and ran it back 17 yards for a touchdown. After Griffon kicker Kevin Toms could not convert on the extra point, the score remained 6-6. The difference in the game came with about two minutes left in regulation when Western's quarterback Kasey Waterman threw a 50-yard bomb to Brandon Burnside, as the Griffons came from behind to win, 13-6.

"It was a strange game," Gregory said. "We were really in total control, except for three plays, and that's what hurt us."

Gregory said the Griffons were struggling to move the football throughout most of the game, but that the Lions failed to execute offensively. He pointed out a Lion drive in the fourth quarter where they had fumbled on the Western one-yard line. Western went 99 yards for the eventual touchdown.

"We had done such a great job of shutting them down," he said. "We just need to make the key plays at the key times." Gregory believes once the Lions can make big plays, they will be a winning football team. Southern will have a chance to get back in the win column and halt its four-game losing streak when they battle Central Missouri at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

"They (Southern) do a really nice job with the option attack," said Willie Fritz, head football coach at Central. "This is a really tough team to prepare for."

Fritz said his Mules will be facing a tough defense that did a great job of holding a talented Western offense to only 13 points. He thinks the Lions' return team is always a threat. The main focus for the Mules will be stopping the Lion running game. Fritz said the two key players on offense will be sophomores Joey Ballard and Antonio Whitney. He said they have done a good job of holding on to the ball this season.

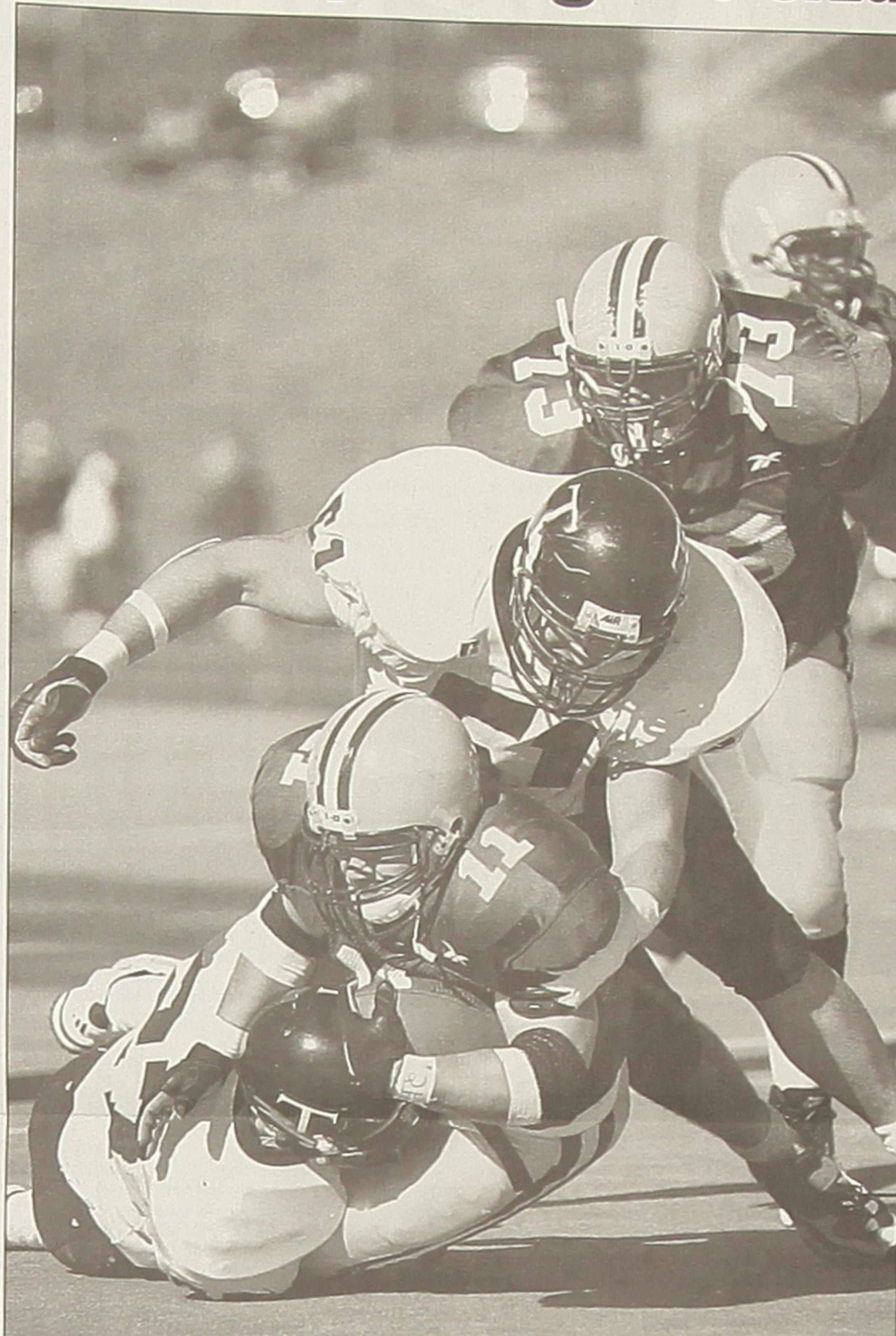
Despite the Lions being 4-5, Fritz believes this is a much-improved football team.

"They are a little beat up," he said. "But it's that time of the year. Coach Gregory does a fine job and he is moving the club in the right direction."

Gregory said Central will play similar to the Lions' style because they run the football.

He said Jason Graham will probably be one of the toughest running backs the Southern defense has come up against all season.

Gregory also thinks Central's defense is explosive. He said this will be another game coming down to big plays. This game should be like Western, he said. "And it gives us the opportunity to win a game at the last minute, which is something we really need to do. When you do it once, you can always do it."



Junior Kevin Pedrola (11) rams his way through Truman players in the Homecoming game. Southern lost the game, 45-40.

Hyde continues leadership as season wanes

BY KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

The Lady Lions managed a needed victory over the Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats on Tuesday evening in the first three games, 15-7, 16-14, and 15-4.

"Everyone played well together," said Debbie Traywick, head coach. "We played as a team and the outcome was a great win."

The spikers' record now stands at 10-16 in all matches, 5-8 conference, and 5-8 non-conference matches.

Senior Meredith Hyde continues to lead

the team in kills per game with 299 in only 89 games. She also leads in digs per game with 311 in 89 games.

Sophomore Katie Moore is a strong second for kills per game with 221 in 87 games.

"We have a great deal of talent this season, we just need to cut out mental mistakes," Hyde said.

Southern's spikers will not make the regionals this season. The Lady Lions have battled back and forth all season. Traywick has stressed the team lacks consistent playing.

"Our main focus now is to win these last

few games of the season," Traywick said.

In past action, the Lady Lions headed to Kirksville Oct. 22, where they suffered another loss to the Lady Bulldogs. The spikers were beaten in the first three games to complete the match, 5-15, 6-15, and 11-15.

The Ladies then headed to Springfield last weekend for tournament action, beginning with Drury College on Friday. The Lady Lions came out with a victory, defeating Drury in 3-1 games to complete the match, 16-18, 18-16, 15-8, and 15-12.

"Our defense was the key to our victory,"

Traywick said. "Freshman Shannon Rocke

has been playing excellent defense and is a bright spot for the team."

Saturday the Ladies came face-to-face with Rockhurst.

"We played well against Rockhurst, but did not come out ahead," Traywick said.

Rockhurst defeated Southern in the first three games to conclude the match, 7-15, 5-15, and 10-15.

The Lady Lions concluded the tournament by losing to Arkansas Tech in the first three games, 4-15, 10-15, and 4-15.

The Lady Lions face their rival, the Lady Gorillas, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Pittsburg.

SHELBY: Soccer losing key seniors

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on the map. A few lackluster showings ruined what was otherwise an accomplished season.

Who knew this bunch of feisty seniors would even speak of the postseason after a subpar 5-11 finish in '98?

Bad news is they lose a group of charismatic seniors partly responsible for a five-game improvement. However, Van Deusen expects to be a year to reload.

Message to the Lions: This year's success makes you a marked man.

M.V.P. honors go out to senior goalkeeper Ben Butler and forward Shane Delmez.

Both teams gave the school, the team, and a closed-minded journal something to talk about.

Squad looks to next season

Last Sunday's 10-0 loss at Bellevue (Neb.) University in Omaha culminated the Lady Lions' inaugural season.

Unfortunately, they limped their way to a 1-16-1 season.

Against BU, the Lady Lions played 11 players for 90 minutes. No substitutes.

Head coach Geoff Van Deusen said BU fielded a few All-Americans, and were preparing for the playoffs.

The most telling statistic of not only the game, but of their entire season, was the zero shots taken on goal, compared to 27 by BU.

On Oct. 23 the Lady Lions traveled to the University of Nebraska-Omaha (12-5). Southern was held scoreless 4-0, but Van Deusen was pleased with his team's effort. Freshman Leslie Franklin suffered a leg injury, forcing her to sit out. Van Deusen finished the game with only 11 players.

Premiere satisfies Van Deusen

BY GARY SHELBY
Staff Writer

With new guidance for the men's soccer team this season, Geoff Van Deusen, head soccer coach, believes he has accomplished much in his first year.

The Lions traveled to Jefferson City on Saturday, Oct. 23, to take on Lincoln University. The only goal was scored in the first period by junior Corey Riley, giving Southern the 1-0 victory. The win improved their record to 10-5.

"We were happy to leave with a win," Van Deusen said. "We played good enough to win."

Van Deusen said the Lions played an outstanding defensive game in holding Lincoln to no goals. Senior Ben Butler recorded his sixth shutout of the season, and the final of his career. This would be the last win of the season for Southern.

Southern wrapped things up on Saturday in Omaha, Neb., where they played a hard-fought defensive game against Bellevue University, but fell short in the end, 1-0. Van Deusen said it was a disappointing loss. The Lions were hoping to finish the season on a winning note.

Southern aimed to win its final game because Bellevue is the hometown of Butler, as well as of junior Chad Edwards and senior Tony Zito.

Van Deusen said the Lions controlled 80 percent of the match, and despite the score, they were the better team.

The eight shots on goal taken, compared to only five for BU, supported his claim. Butler saw only four of those shots the entire game.

"We didn't play well," he said. "We are used to a big field, and this was a smaller field."

According to Van Deusen, 11 yards meant the difference between a win and a loss. The length of the field appeared to be a trivial obstacle, but he believes the home team definitely had the advantage.

He said the team did not finish the season the way they would have liked to, but it has been a lengthy season, and it will be good to take time off.

Despite not making post-season play, Van Deusen believes his team had a successful season in several ways. The team improved from 5-11 last year to 10-6 in '99.

"We are satisfied," he said. "Anytime you get to a double digit season, it's productive."

MIAA NEWS BRIEFS

Bearcats still without MIAA defeat in 1999 campaign

Northwest Missouri State remained undefeated in MIAA football conference play by defeating Washburn at home on Saturday.

David Jansen got Northwest on the board first with his 18-yard touchdown run. The Ichabods responded with a 32-yard field goal by Chad Todd to cut the Bearcat lead, 7-3.

Northwest took a commanding lead when Mark Maus ran for a four-yard touchdown.

Late in the first half, Jansen ran for 26 yards to bring in his second touchdown of the day, and give his team a 21-3 advantage going into the break.

The Bearcats took an even bigger lead in the second half when Travis Miles threw for an 11-yard touchdown to Ryan Hackett.

Washburn answered when Brandon Rainer ran for a three-yard touchdown. However, it was not enough as Northwest held on to win, 35-10.

The Ichabods dropped to 5-4 on the season, and 3-4 in the conference. The Bearcats moved to 8-1 overall.

Gorilla offense displays fireworks in rout of Miners

Pittsburg State showed explosive offensive football on Saturday in its win at home against Missouri-Rolla.

The Gorillas wasted no time putting up points when Lateef Walker ran for a five-yard touchdown to give his team a 7-0 lead, as only 58 seconds had gone by in the game.

PSU held the Miners and quickly got the ball back. Anthony Chatmon ran for a 13-yard touchdown to put his team on top, 14-0.

Toward the end of the first quarter, Gary Kral tacked on a 31-yard field goal to extend the PSU lead to 17-0. As the second quarter began, Josh Shay ran for 71 yards to give him his first touchdown of the day.

The Gorillas had a 52-0 lead at the half. PSU went on to shut out the Miners, 62-0. They moved to 8-1 overall, and 6-1 in the conference. UMR remains winless on the season.

Bulldogs apply sting to visiting Emporia State

One week after the Truman State Bulldogs spoiled Homecoming festivities at Missouri Southern, they stayed on the winning track with their victory at home against Emporia State on Saturday.

In a game that went down to the wire, the Hornets drew first blood with a 26-yard field goal by Rob Conteras.

Truman answered and took the lead when Eric Howe found Russ McDaniels for a nine-yard touchdown.

Early in the second quarter, Jeff Klee banged a 25-yard field goal to put the Bulldogs in front, 10-3.

With 32 seconds left in the first half, Joe Jacobs found Lester McCoy for a four-yard touchdown pass to even things at the intermission, 10-10.

Michael Redding put the Bulldogs back in command with his three-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter. However, as Jacobs and McCoy hooked up for the second time, the game was tied once again at 17.

Truman would not go quietly though as Howe threw to Andrew Blakely for an 18-yard touchdown pass to put the Bulldogs back on top, 24-17.

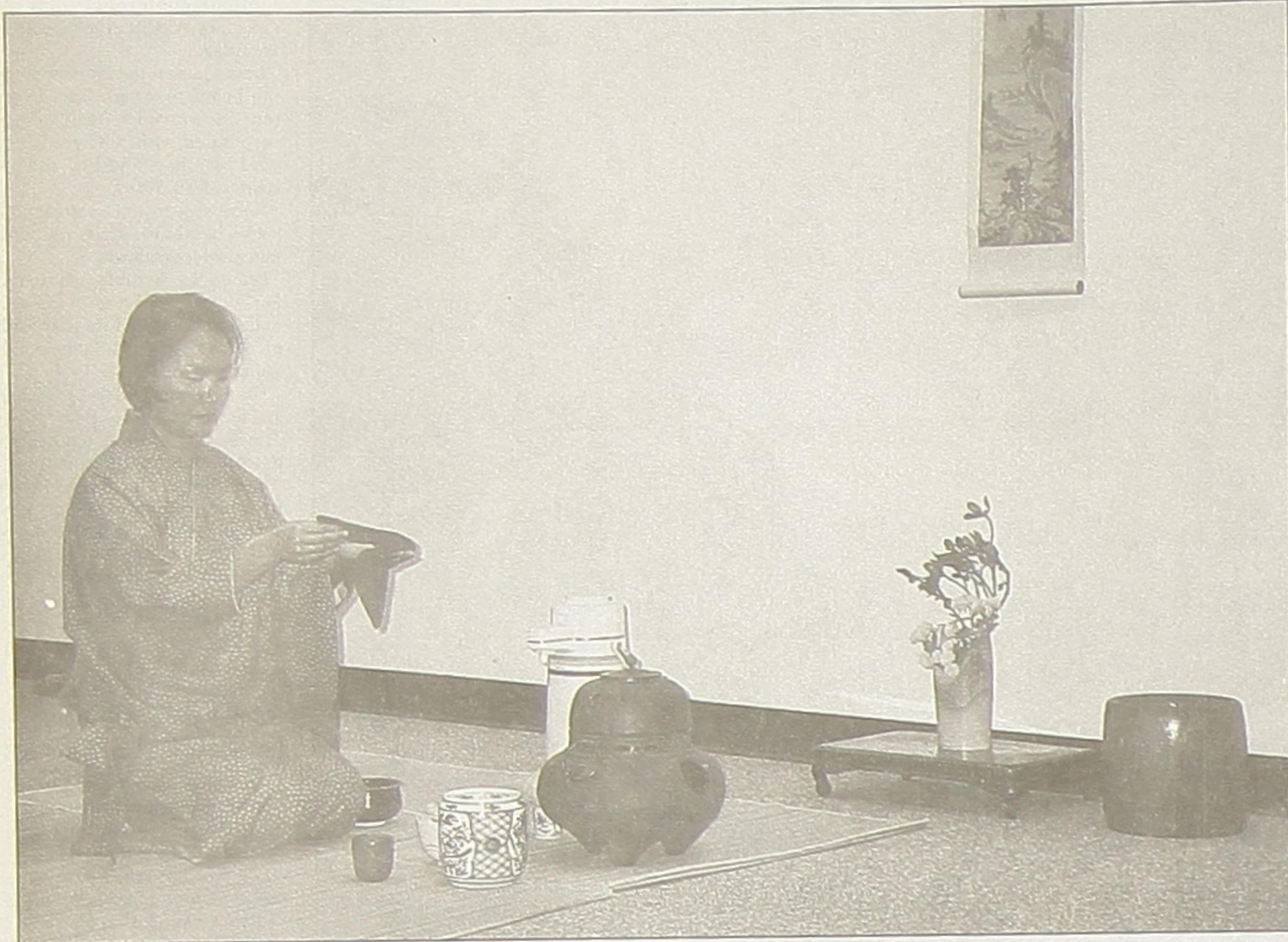
A quiet fourth quarter took place until late in the game when Jacobs ran for a one-yard touchdown to tie the game and send it into overtime. From there, Redding ran for a two-yard touchdown to give the Bulldogs the win, 31-24.

Truman moved to 4-5 overall, and 3-4 in the conference. The Hornets dropped to 4-5, and 3-4 in the conference.

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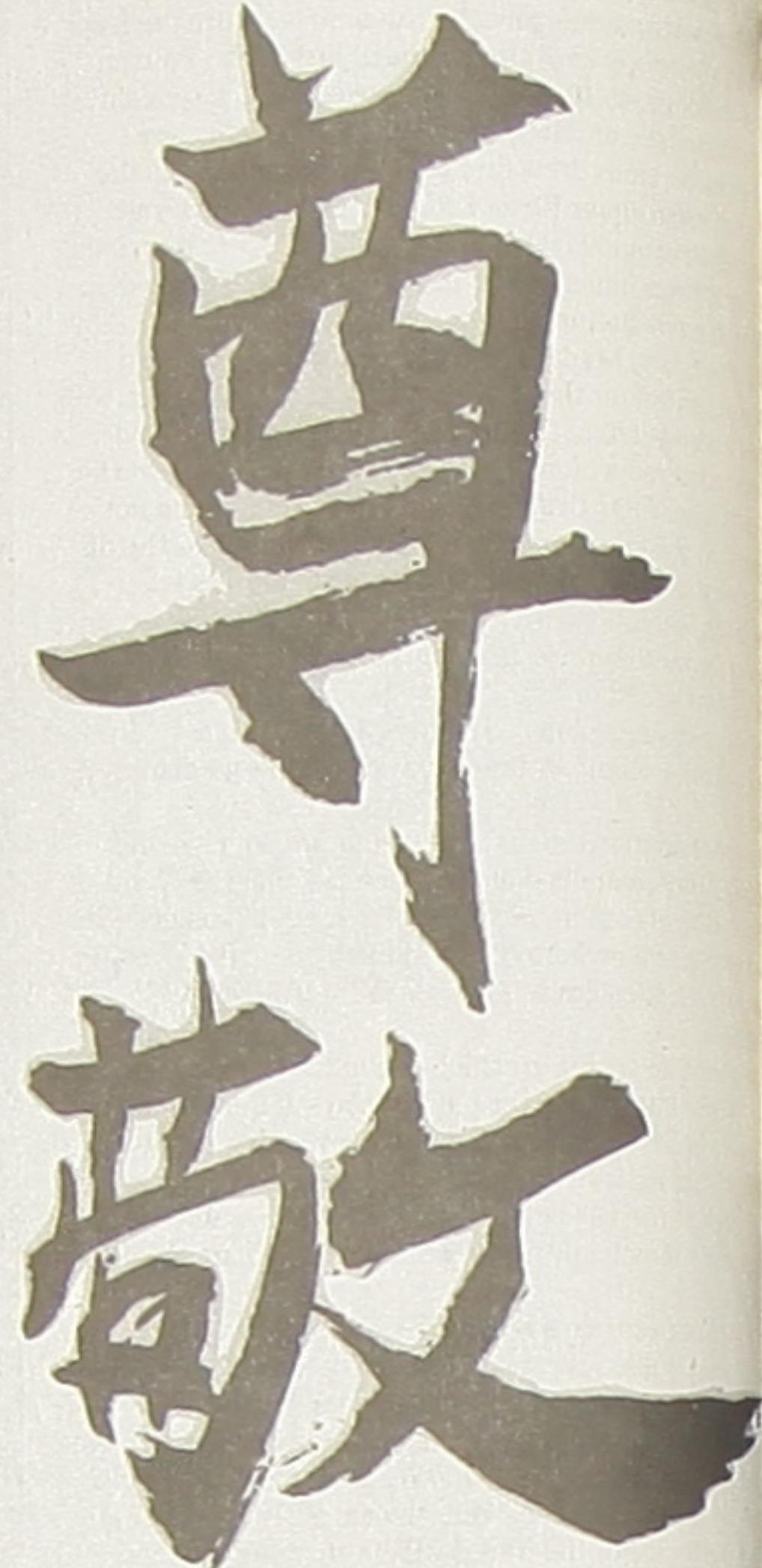
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'The Way of Tea'



RHONDA CLARK/The Chart

Chieko Hedin prepares for a Japanese tea ceremony for students in Introduction to Intercultural Communication as part of a unit on Japanese culture.



Students learn ancient ceremony hands-on

BY RHONDA CLARK
Associate Editor

With "simplistic beauty," Chieko Hedin, Carthage, and Yoshiko Hardy, Joplin, demonstrated the ancient tradition of a Japanese tea ceremony to students in the Introduction to Intercultural Communication class last week.

Dr. Carolyn M. Hale, associate professor of communications, became fascinated with the Japanese way of life while presenting a paper at the International Association of Applied Linguistics in Tokyo this August.

"Although I've had a long-time interest in Japan, I was very impressed, favorably impressed, by the sense of ritual in the country and how the ritual often would have spiritual/historical roots," she said.

This ceremony's roots date back to the 16th century when tea master Sen Rikyu perfected the way of tea. Zen Buddhism strongly influenced the ritualistic and spiritual tea ceremony. The host prepares for the ceremony and thoughtfully selects the implements used like the

scroll, flowers, food, and utensils. All of these items hold special meaning.

"Through the tea ceremony and the way we do, and the preparation of tea ceremony probably has more weight than actually serving tea or receiving because preparation has a lot of thought in mind to make sure the guests are welcome and comfortable," Hedin said.

A native of Japan, Hedin came to the United States 18 years ago. She said the ceremony is usually unplanned and is something the host decides to do for friends or close business associates. Hedin self-taught herself the rituals and hand movements of the ceremony.

"In the interpersonal relations, what I liked about the tea ceremony, as an outsider, it seems to me that there is a strong sense of interpersonal communication on a nonverbal level that is supposed to bond people who partake of the tea," Hale said.

Once the area is prepared, the host uses no vocal commands. Guests are greeted with a bow one by one to eat the sweet placed before them, and then

move to the tatami floor covering, where the host is seated, to accept individually prepared bowls of green tea. The bitter tea combined with a sweet treat symbolizes the bittersweet aspects of life.

The tea ceremony came as the highlight of a month-long unit on Japanese culture. Students entered the room after removing their shoes. Though a video demonstrated the procedures before the actual ceremony, participants remained unsure as they sat on the floor.

"I was uncomfortable at first because I had no idea what to expect, and everybody was looking at me whenever I was trying the tea to see how I reacted, and I tried to be mannerly," said Dana Deskin, junior dental hygiene major and communications minor.

Jeremiah Reeve, sophomore speech communications major, thought the event reinforced class lectures, and seeing it first-hand was completely different. As the fourth participant, he appeared somewhat accomplished with the ritual.

"It made it a little easier because I

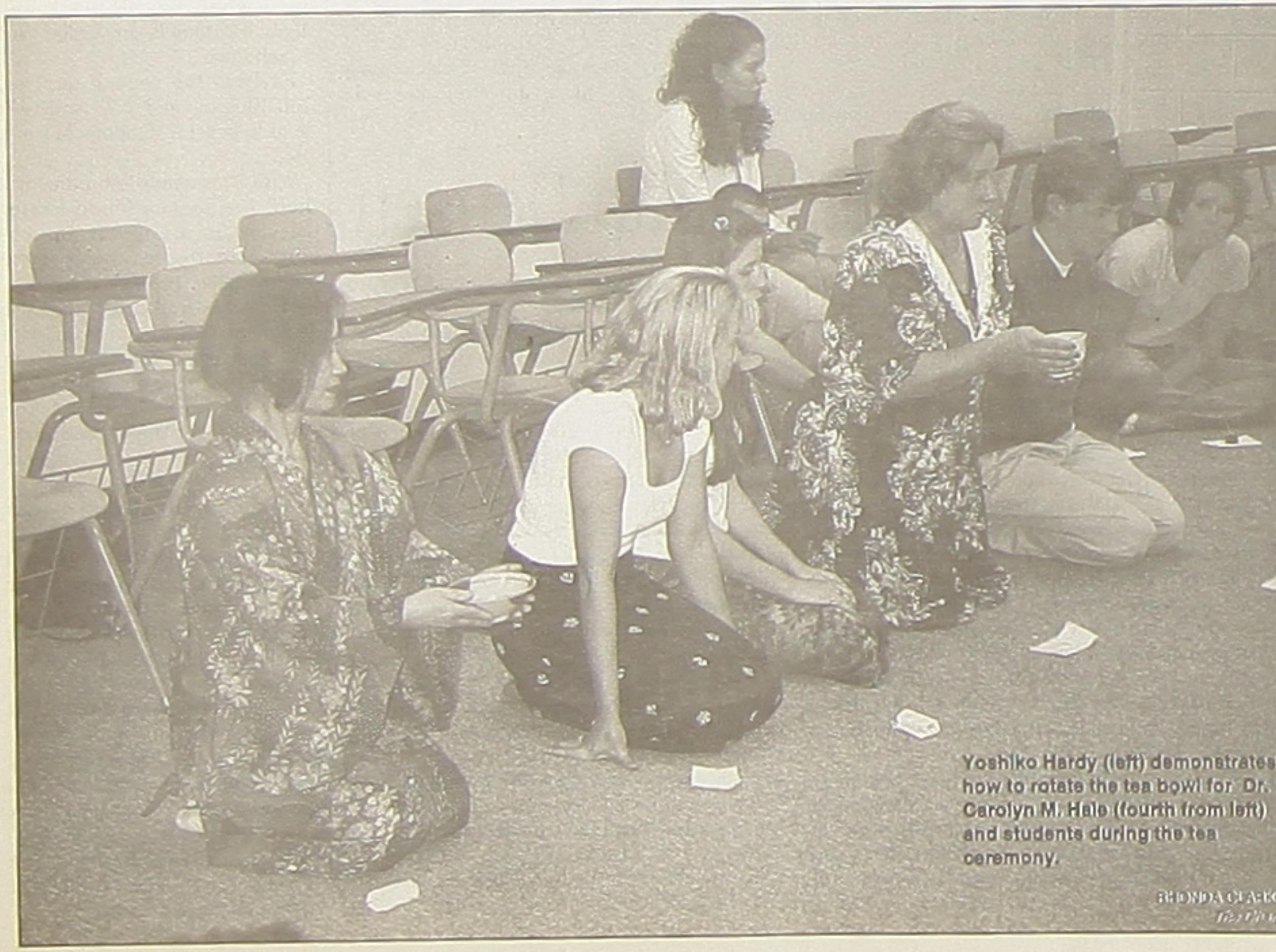
knew what to do and she (Hedin) had to prompt me on what to do much, but it made it a little easier because the longer you sit the harder it is to stand up," Reeve said.

Impressed by the attention to detail, Kenya native Njari Gitonga, junior communications major and marketing minor, also enjoyed the unique aspect of the ceremony. This is a pace is something Hedin believes benefit more people.

"I would like to go beyond just Japanese culture and the spirit," she said. "So many people nowadays care about others. They always think of themselves first, and the way of life are the things I'd like them (students) to find. And, I don't think this is just a Japanese person."

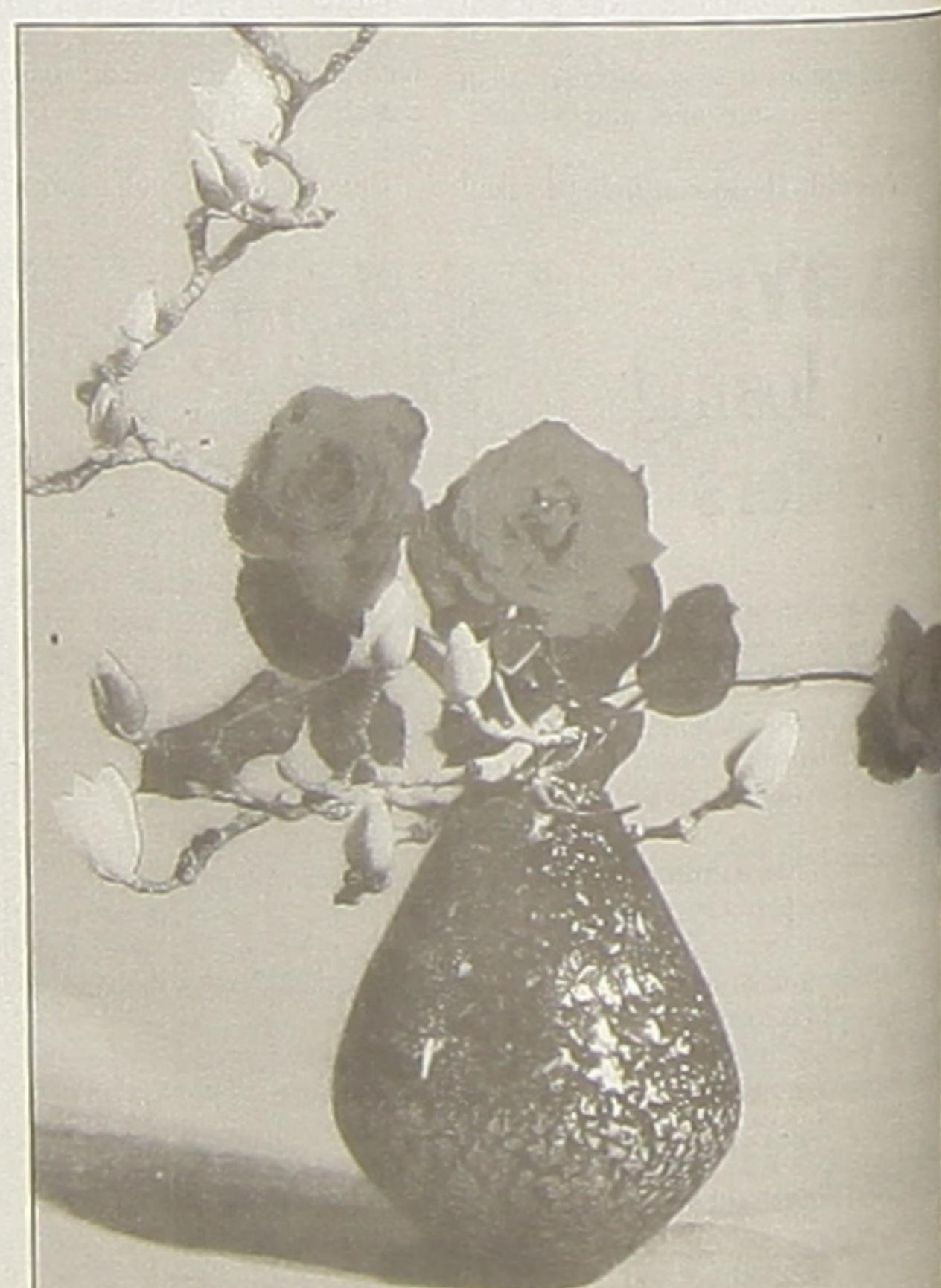
Gitonga thinks anyone could benefit from exposure to other cultures.

"More people should have a chance to experience something like this, because culture is not weird, culture is just different," he said. □



Yoshiko Hardy (left) demonstrates how to rotate the tea bowl for Dr. Carolyn M. Hale (fourth from left) and students during the tea ceremony.

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Carefully prepared flower arrangements compliment the tea ceremony.